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1. Summary

The study of complex interactions governing sedimentary processes, transport routes and deposition dynamics at a continental margin are easier to understand where the system is simplified by the dominance of one external force. Off Northwest Spain, the sedimentary record on the Galician Shelf is controlled by a strong storm regime whilst contour-parallel currents seem to dominate at the continental slope.

Intention of this cruise M84/4 GALIOMAR III was to a) trace the modes and routes of sediment transport from shallow to deep waters, b) understand the role of the shelf break and back-cutting gully systems for the sediment export dynamics, c) analyze the different modes and pathways of material downslope processes, and d) use locally confined depocenters at the lower continental slope, inside the gullies as well as on the outer and middle shelf as archives for reconstructing modern and past environmental conditions. Research groups from Bremen (MARUM) and Spain/Portugal (Vigo, Granada, Lisbon) with strong seismic, sedimentological, magnetic, geochemical and palae-oceanographic expertise have participated in this cruise utilizing a large number of complementary research devices.

Extensive bathymetric mapping, PARASOUND and seismic profiling, during the first leg of this cruise, have shown how locally diverse the sedimentary system in this study area is developed. On the slope, contouritic deposits seem to be the dominant feature indicating that current interactions with the morphology are omni-present. A surprising discovery along the margin is the manifold partitioning, with series of slope gullies, sporadic large canyon/channels systems draining deeply into the basin, and structural elements such as ridges and isolated mounts. Consequently, the sediment cores show a large variety of hemipelagic, contouritic, debritic and turbiditic successions.

During the second leg on the associated shelf, coast-parallel and coast-perpendicular profiles were recorded, using PARASOUND and the new electro-magnetic sled NERIDIS III, to map individual depocenters (e.g., mud belts, outer-shelf ridge fields, pathway depressions). Special focus, in combination with an extended sampling/coring program was given to the character of depositional boundaries and the stratigraphic history of depocenters.

The cruise M84/4 GALIOMAR III was, despite frequent rough weather conditions and heavy fishery activity, very successful. A complete bathymetry of the slope, 1500 km PARASOUND, 500 km seismic, and 130 km electromagnetic profiling, as well as coring (Rumohr, gravity, vibro) at not less than 108 stations were collected. With the analysis of this impressively large data set we expect to gain detailed insight into mechanisms and dynamics of sedimentary shelf-slope systems on different sub-modern to geological times scales.

Zusammenfassung

Das ansonsten sehr komplexe Wechselspiel von Sedimentationsprozessen mit Auswirkung auf Transportrouten und Ablagerungsdynamik ist an einem Kontinentalrand deutlich vereinfacht, an welchem eine externe Kraft dominiert. Die Sedimentationsbedingungen vor Nordwest-Spanien sind auf dem Schelf durch ein saisonales Sturmregime geprägt, während am Hang starke Ozeanströmungen dominieren.

Ziel der Forschungsfahrt M84/4 GALIOMAR III war es, a) die verschiedenen Modi und Routen des Sedimenttransports nachzuverfolgen, b) die Rolle von Schelfkante und rückwärtig einschneidenden gullies für die Sedimenttransportdynamik zu verstehen, c) die verschiedenen Arten und Wege der hangabwärts gerichteten Prozesse zu analysieren und d) lokale Depozentren am Hangfuß, in den gullies sowie auf dem äußeren und mittleren Schelf zu nutzen, um die modernen und früheren Umweltbedingungen zu rekonstruieren. Arbeitsgruppen aus Bremen (MARUM) und Spanien/Portugal (Vigo, Granada, Lissabon), die eine große Expertise auf den Gebieten der Seismik, Sedimentologie, Umweltmagnetik, Geochemie und Paläozeanographie haben, nahmen zu diesem Zweck teil. Zudem haben wir eine größere Anzahl von sich ergänzenden Geräten eingesetzt.

Eine ausgedehnte bathymetrische Kartierung und Profilierung mit Parasound und Tiefseismik während des ersten Fahrtabschnitt haben die stark Ausdifferenzierung des Sedimentationssystem im Arbeitsgebiet gezeigt. Am Hang ist die kontouritische Ausformung der Ablagerung Resultat der allseits vorherrschenden Hangströmungen. Überrascht hat uns, wie intensiv der Hang von gully-Serien, weit ins Beckeninnere reichenden Canyon-Systemen sowie strukturellen Rippen- und mount-Strukturen geprägt ist. Die Sedimentkerne dokumentieren eine dementsprechend Bandbreite an hemipelagischen, kontouritischen, debritischen und turbiditischen Abfolgen.

Während des zweiten Fahrtabschnittes haben wir senkrecht und parallel zur Küste lange Transekte mit PARASOUND sowie dem neuen elektromagnetischen Profiler NERIDIS III gefahren, um individuelle Depozentren (z.B. Schlammgürtel, Rippenfelder, Transportsenken) zu kartieren. Besonderes Augenmerk lag dabei auf der speziellen Beschaffenheit der Grenzen und der stratigraphischen Entwicklungsgeschichte dieser Ablagerungszentren. Hierzu haben wir die Profilierung mit einem intensiven Beprobungs- bzw. Kernprogramm ergänzt.

Die Forschungsfahrt M84/4 GALIOMAR III verlief überaus erfolgreich: wir haben eine vollständige bathymetrische Karte vom Kontinentalhang erstellt, Profile von 1500 km PARASOUND, 500 km Seismik und 130 km EM-Profiler eingefahren, sowie an nicht weniger als 108 Stationen Kerne gezogen. Die weitere Bearbeitung dieses Materials wird einen detaillierten Einblick in die Abläufe und Mechanismen eines Schelf/Hang-Systems auf den unterschiedlichen sub-modernen bis geologischen Zeitskalen erlauben.

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CIIMAR	Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental, Porto, Portugal
LNEG	Laboratório Nacional de Energia e Geologia, Lisbon, Portugal

3 Research Program

The scientific targets of this leg with the acronym GALIOMAR III (*Galician Ocean Margin Expedition*) were 1) to identify characteristic structures and critical interfaces in sedimentary shelf systems and at the continental slope (as the final source of sediments) and 2) to use the associated deposits to reconstruct transport routes and sediment fluxes. In previous own studies (Pos-342, Pos-366/3), we have reconstructed the sedimentary history and the stratigraphic architecture of the Galician shelf in detail already. Further, we have roughly identified possible pathways of sediment export.

The following three hypotheses are, thus, the base for the project and this cruise M84/4:

- a. Several individual transport pathways exist on the shelf but have been alternating active during the past 30 thousand years.
- b. The sediment export across the shelf break and down the continental slope is controlled by the interplay of local morphological and (palaeo-) oceanographic elements.
- c. Locally confined deposits at the foot of the continental slope (hemipelagic, contouritic, turbiditic) have formed in relation to the sediment pathways on the shelf and record the history of sediment export from the shelf in detail.

During the first leg of the cruise, we did extensive bathymetric mapping, run numerous seismic and acoustic profiles at the upper and lower continental slope accompanied by a number of sediment cores. Aim was to reconstruct the sediment export from the shelf into the deep sea during the late Quaternary times. The sediment-conducting structures (canyons, gullies) and confined depocentres (turbidite deposits, drift bodies) were in the main focus of this leg. The recovered sediment successions will be used as archives recording a) the variability of sediment availability from the shelf and b) the prevailing sediment transport modi alternately controlling deposition at the continental slope in high temporal resolution. We have fully realized our plan for this leg.

During the second leg of the cruise, we wanted to map sedimentary depocenters and their boundaries on the continental shelf, particularly depositional features which have formed by the local oceanographic regime (e.g., ripples fields, mud belts). Thus, extensive profiling with multi-beam and PARASOUND and the EM-profiler lead to a great surface and subbottom data set. The program was completed by serial surface sampling as well as sediment coring along the main routes of sediment export. Special emphasis was also placed on the shelf break zone as a critical interface for sediment export. Despite heavy fishery activity and frequent rough weather conditions we were able to achieve our plans much to our satisfaction.

4 Narrative of the Cruise

The cruise M84/4 was organized in two legs with a 7-hours long technical stop in the harbor of Vigo in the middle of the cruise.

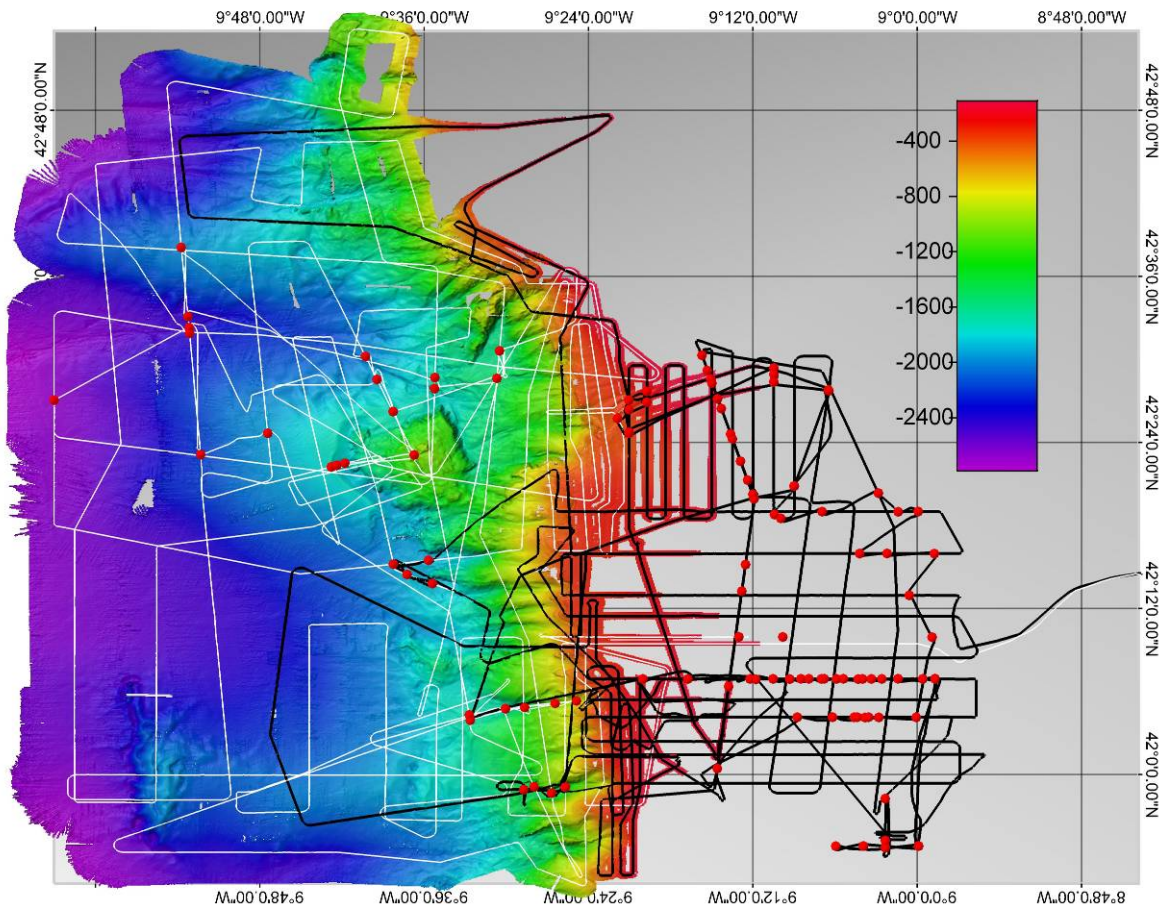


Fig. 4.1: Ship track of RV METEOR cruise M84/4 GALIOMAR III with seismic/echosounder profiles (1st leg white, 2nd leg black) and sediment sampling/coring stations (red dots).

During the *first leg*, we have worked in the area bound by the shelf break off Galicia in the East and the central part of the Interior Basin which is located between the continental slope and the eastern slope of the Galicia Bank (Fig. 4.1). Targets of the first leg were: a) The series of gullies and channels along the steep continental slope that cut back into the shelf break and might have served as sediment conduits in former times or have this function even still today. b) A large canyon-channel system on the continental margin off the Arousa region which is characterized by several generations of tributary channel systems as well as associated with numerous side terraces and mass movement bodies. c) Contouritic sediment bodies of which the largest and most conspicuous is surrounding a very prominent structural, to all sides sharp-bounded mount-like height. d) The hemipelagic sediment drape which covers most of the study area but with

significantly varying sediment thicknesses which is obviously linked to the local ocean current patterns in interaction with a certain level of terrigenous sediment supply from the eastern side plus the local seafloor topography.

Our strategy was to map the seafloor bathymetry with the shipboard multibeam system around the elements of interest in best possible detail to obtain insight into the morphological organization of the area as well as create a basal map on which the further program of the leg could be organized. Due to frequently rough weather and sea conditions, which were frequently suppressing the deployment of other devices, and the limited dimensions of the study area we have mapped the area with an impressive complete coverage and in best lateral resolution. In a second step, we did sediment-acoustic (PARASOUND) and seismic (GI-GUN) measurements along numerous profiles across all the above mentioned structural and sedimentary elements. As well, we run several long profiles from the shelf break into the Interior Basin and in N/S direction. We are, thus, able now to interpret the origin of most of the morphological elements by their internal 3-dimensional architecture and their regional association with each other. To link acoustic facies with seafloor subbottom material and to understand sources and distribution patterns of sediments, we took series of multicores, giant box cores and gravity cores in a final step. The material obtained covers all sorts of slope and basin sediments, such as hemipelagic, contouritic, turbiditic sediment, slides, lag deposits and rocky relict surfaces. We had no problems to realize our program, aside from the fact that the weather and wave conditions become generally rougher with distance to the coast.

The detailed narrative of the first leg was as follows:

Date	Activity, research program
May 29	Official reception on board of R/V METEOR at 5 p.m.
May 30	Configuration of seismic and coring devices/setting the labs
June 01	Leave port of Vigo/ PARASOUND profiling at the southern continental slope
June 02	Box cores along one of the slope gullies/first seismic profiling
June 03	Seismic profiling of two long N/S overview transects
June 04	Surface sampling and coring at the middle continental slope
June 05	Surface sampling and coring of contourite and main canyon-channel
June 06	Seismic profiling of W/E transects from basin to shelf break
June 07	Surface sampling and coring of the hemipelagic basin
June 08	PARASOUND and multibeam along the shelf break
June 09	Seismic profiling of the continental slope and in the basin
June 10	Surface sampling and coring at contourite and basin stations
June 11	Surface sampling and coring at basin and slope stations
June 12	Surface sampling and coring in a second slope gully
June 13	Enter port of Vigo at 9 a.m./disembark seismic equipment

At the end of this leg, we had a short stop in the harbor of Vigo. We have used this time to disembark the compressor container and the seismic winch, reorganize the containers on the after

deck and to configure the electro-magnetic profiling sledge. Also, a limited staff exchange was carried out.

During the second leg of cruise M4/4, we have focused our activity on the continental shelf off Galicia (Fig. 4.1). Targets of the part of the cruise were: a) The boundaries and transient sedimentary facies changes from inner to outer shelf and parallel to the shelf break which should reflect the position of important sediment export pathways as well as sediment sorting and distribution patterns. b) The mid-shelf mud belt which's thickness and distribution patterns we have mapped with PARASOUND in good spatial resolution to obtain a data base for sediment budget calculations. c) Local fields of seafloor irregularities which might be related to wave-like deposits superimposing the undulating underlying rock substratum. d) The linkage of the sedimentary shelf system with the gullies on the uppermost slope to understand the role of the shelf break in sediment behavior.

The detailed narrative of the second leg was as follows:

Date	Activity, research program
June 13	Reorganize the after deck/limited staff exchange/leave port at 4 p.m./mapping survey along the first EM track
June 14	Surface sampling and coring in a third slope gully
June 15	Surface sampling and coring in the southern mud belt area around a wreck to obtain trawling-undisturbed sediments
June 16	First EM profile off Vigo from shelf break to inner shelf/afterwards mapping survey along new potential EM tracks
June 17	Second EM profile off Vigo from shelf break to inner shelf/afterwards mapping survey along new potential EM tracks
June 18	Third EM profile off Vigo/collision with fisher net, complicated rescue action of the sledge/surface sampling during night time along the first EM profile
June 19	Surface sampling and coring in the southern mud belt area/surface sampling along the second EM profile/PARASOUND mapping of gully heads during night time
June 20	Surface sampling and coring in one of the southern slope gullies (see June 02)
June 21	EM profiling stopped due to technical problems/surface sampling and coring of undulating deposits ("waves") off the Arousa area
June 22	Fourth EM profile from S to N parallel to the shelf break
June 23	EM profiling finished due to technical problems/24 hours surface sampling along the PARASOUND profiles
June 24	Surface sampling and coring of confined depocenter off the Arousa area
June 25	Surface sampling and coring of different sedimentary units off the Arousa area/loss of vibro corer/6 hours of unsuccessful rescue action/surface sampling along the fourth EM profile
June 26	ADCP profiles in W/E directions, very rough sea
June 27	Second 5-hours lasting attempt to retrieve the vibro corer/PARASOUND profiling off the Arousa area
June 28	Enter port of Vigo at 09 a.m./disembark all five containers/end of cruise

Since we wanted to deploy the new electro-magnetic profiling sledge, we first have run long E/W profiles with the shipboard multibeam and PARASOUND systems to be sure that no obstacle

(such as wrecks, outcropping rocks etc.) might be barrier for the ground-towed profiler device. In a second step, we have deployed this sledge along these mapped corridors measuring even subtle lithological and physical variations in outstanding lateral resolution. However, the frequently rough sea conditions, numerous wrecks (or things of similar size and shape), and an enormous fishery activity had strong influence on the sledge program continuously causing great time delays and forcing us to slalom courses. In the final step, we have taken series (1-2 nautical miles distance) of short gravity cores (Rumohr corer) which will enable us to calibrate the physical/magnetic data of the sledge with real sedimentological/geochemical data. Beside this electromagnetic program, we have mapped the above mentioned sedimentary and erosive structures with PARASOUND to get an idea about the geometries reflecting the formation processes. Sediment coring with the vibrocorer which is able to drill into coarse-grained, carbonaceous, dry and even lithified materials. The sedimentary facies recovered by these cores are as manifold as one should expect from such a shelf environment and reflect the original and individual formation processes of each of the investigated elements and bodies. Unfortunately, the vibrocorer got lost at the end of the leg in 110 m water depth; two 6-hours lasting endeavors to retrieve this device again were without success.

5 Methods and Preliminary Results

5.1 Hydroacoustics

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During RV METEOR Cruise M84-4 three hull-mounted echosounder systems were used, namely the Kongsberg Simrad EM 710 for bathymetric mapping in shallow water depths, the Kongsberg Simrad EM 122 for bathymetric mapping in middle and deep water depths and the sediment echo sounder system PARASOUND DS-3/P70 (Atlas Hydrographic) for imaging the sediment column. All systems were used in a 24 hour watch mode.

5.1.1 Multibeam Bathymetry Mapping

5.1.1.1 Technical Description

The EM122 system allows an accurate bathymetric mapping down to full ocean depth. Basic components of the system are two linear transducer arrays in a Mills Cross configuration with separate units for transmitting and receiving. The nominal sonar frequency is 12 kHz with an angular coverage sector of up to 150° and 432 soundings per swath. The emission cone is 150° wide across track, and 1° in along track direction. The reception is obtained from 288 beams,

with widths of 2° across track and 20° along track. Thus, the actual footprint of each beam has a dimension of 1° by 2°. The achievable swath width on a flat bottom will usually be up to 6 times the water depth dependent on the roughness of the seafloor. The angular coverage sector and beam pointing angles may be set to vary automatically with depth according to achievable coverage. Using the high-density mode, which creates 432 soundings out of the 288 beams, and the dual swath mode (2 swaths per ping), finally 864 isolated equidistant depth values are obtained perpendicular to the track for each ping. Using the detected two-way travel time and the beam angle known for each beam, and taking into account the ray bending due to refraction in the water column due to sound speed variations, depth is calculated for each beam. A combination of amplitude (central beams) and phase (slant beams) is used to provide a measurement accuracy practically independent of the beam pointing angle. Besides the depth values the EM122 provides also backscatter information and pseudo-sidescan images.

The EM710 multibeam echo sounder is a high to very high resolution seabed mapping system. The minimum acquisition depth is from less than 3 m below its transducers, and the maximum acquisition depth is specified down to 2000 m. However, during previous cruises it turned out that the quality of the data degrades in water depths deeper than 600 m. During this cruise we realized that during heavy weather conditions the useful depth range is limited to 400 m. The across track coverage (swath width) can reach 5.5 times the water depth. The EM710 operates at sonar frequencies in the 70 to 100 kHz range. The transmit fan is divided into three sectors to maximize range capability but also to suppress interference from multiples of strong bottom echoes. The sectors are transmitted sequentially within each ping, and uses distinct frequencies or waveforms. The along track beam width of the system installed on RV METEOR is 1 degree. A ping rate of up to 25 per second is possible. The transmit fan is electronically stabilized for roll, pitch and yaw. The EM710 has a reception beam width of 1 degree as well. The number of beams is 256 or 400 (high resolution mode). The beam spacing may be set to equiangular or equidistant. The received beams are electronically roll stabilized. A combination of phase and amplitude bottom detection algorithms is used in order to provide soundings with the best possible accuracy. Additionally, an integrated seabed acoustical imaging capability is included as standard. A real time display window for water column backscatter is also available.

Both systems worked reliable during the whole cruise. However, both systems have problems with rough weather conditions: The outer beams of EM122 get wobbling in depth deeper than 2000 m, the EM 710 lost the bottom in depths deeper than 400 m.

5.1.1.2 Processing of the Data

Processing and imaging of the data was done partly on board. For quick overview maps, the raw data from both multibeam systems were loaded into the Fledermaus Professional Suite (7.2) for gridding and display. Later, the EM122 data were processed using the CUBE algorithm und the

3-D Editor, both implemented in Fledermaus Professional Suite (7.2). First sidescan images were also produced using the GeoCoder of Fledermaus Professional Suite (7.2).

5.1.1.3 Preliminary Results

The collected EM122 bathymetry gives a first overview about all morphological structures in the study area from the shelf break down to the Galicia Basin (Fig. 5.1). In general, the morphology of this part of the Iberian Margin reveals a complex pattern probably driven by the interaction of down-slope and along-slope sedimentation processes as well as tectonic influences. The latter ones are expressed in two ridges, one stretching from West to East in the northern part of the study area, and one stretching from North to South in the southwestern part of the study area. Another probably tectonic feature is a distinct seamount with rather steep flanks in the centre of the study area. The top of the seamount is nearly 1000 m high above the surrounding. The continental slope is dissected by several gullies, which differ significantly in sizes and shapes. These gullies imply that downslope processes play a major role in shaping this margin. Most of the gullies terminate in depth of 1600 – 2000 m, and only two submarine channels can be identified in deeper parts.

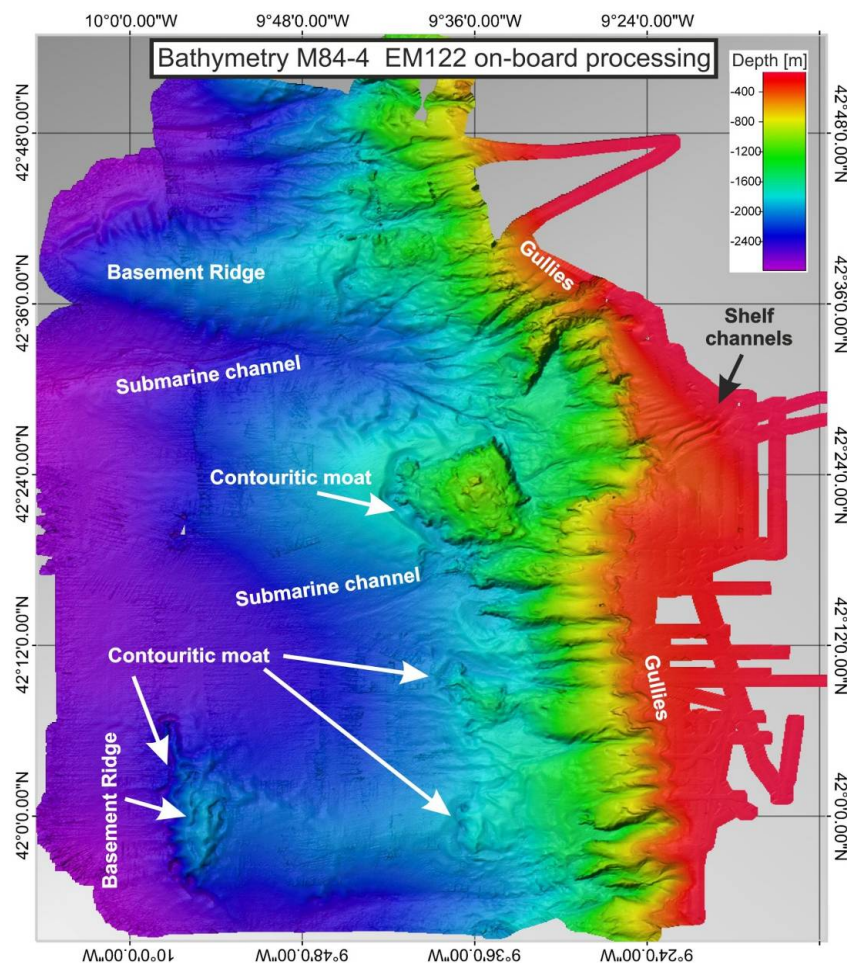


Fig. 5.1: Bathymetric map of the study area

The northern submarine channel is fed by several gullies. Some of them are connected to shelf channels which cross the shelf break. The impact of bottom currents on the morphology is manifested by several contouritic features. Contouritic moats are found on the western flank of the seamount and of the north-south stretching ridge, but also close to some smaller elevations on the lower slope. All the moats are located in depths between 1600 and 2400 m, indicating that they were build up under the influence of the northward flowing North Atlantic Deep Water. Western of the moats drift-like morphologies can be identified with the typical drift crests, however, if these structures really represent contouritic drifts has to be evaluated with the multichannel seismic data.

5.1.2 Sediment Echo Sounding (PARASOUND)

5.1.2.1 Technical Description

Since March 2006 the new PARASOUND system P70 is installed on RV METEOR. The system uses the parametric effect, which occurs when very high (finite) amplitude sound waves are generated. If two waves of similar frequencies are generated simultaneously, also the sum and the difference of the two primary frequencies are emitted. For the PARASOUND System, 18 kHz is one fixed primary frequency, which distributes energy within a beam of 4.5° for a transducer of ~1 m length. The second primary frequency can be varied between 18.5 and 24 kHz, resulting in difference frequencies from 0.5 to 6.0 kHz. This signal travels within the narrow 18 kHz beam, which is much narrower than e.g. a 4 kHz signal, emitted from the same transducer directly (30°). Therefore, a higher lateral resolution can be achieved, and imaging of small scale structures on the sea floor is superior to conventional systems. As another consequence, the signal bandwidth is also increased, and much shorter signals can be generated with improved vertical resolution. However, due to the very narrow beam, it is necessary to control beam direction to compensate the ship's movement and to send the energy vertically downwards. The system treats three signals separately: the primary high frequency signal (18 kHz; PHF), the secondary low frequency signal (selectable 0.5 to 6.0 kHz; SLF) and the secondary high frequency (selectable 36.5 to 42 kHz; SHF). All three signals are recorded separately. Alternatively, also exclusively a low frequency signal (PLF; 3 or 12 kHz) can be emitted at much lower energy levels, where sound emission energy levels have to be limited (e.g. for mammal protection).

The system sediment response is recorded before the next pulse is sent, which is necessary when imaging of the water column should be done (single pulse mode). To enhance horizontal resolution, the pulse train mode and the quasi-equidistant mode is also available. To adapt the ping rate of all modes the automatic depth detection by using the PHF is used. The PARASOUND system uses minimum three different computer systems. Two of them control real time signal generation and data acquisition through a Linux and a Windows XP system. The third PC is

available for the operator. This Operator-PC hosts the Hydromap Database Server, the Hydromap Control Software and the ParaStore 3 Software. The Hydromap Control Software is responsible for all systems setting and for communication with the real time computer.

During the entire cruise M84-4, the PHF frequency of 18 kHz was acquired. The SLF frequency was set to 4 kHz during acquisition on the continental slope during the first leg. On the shelf it turned out the 3 kHz is the best compromise between penetration and resolution. The system was nearly always used in the single pulse mode to conduct water column imaging.

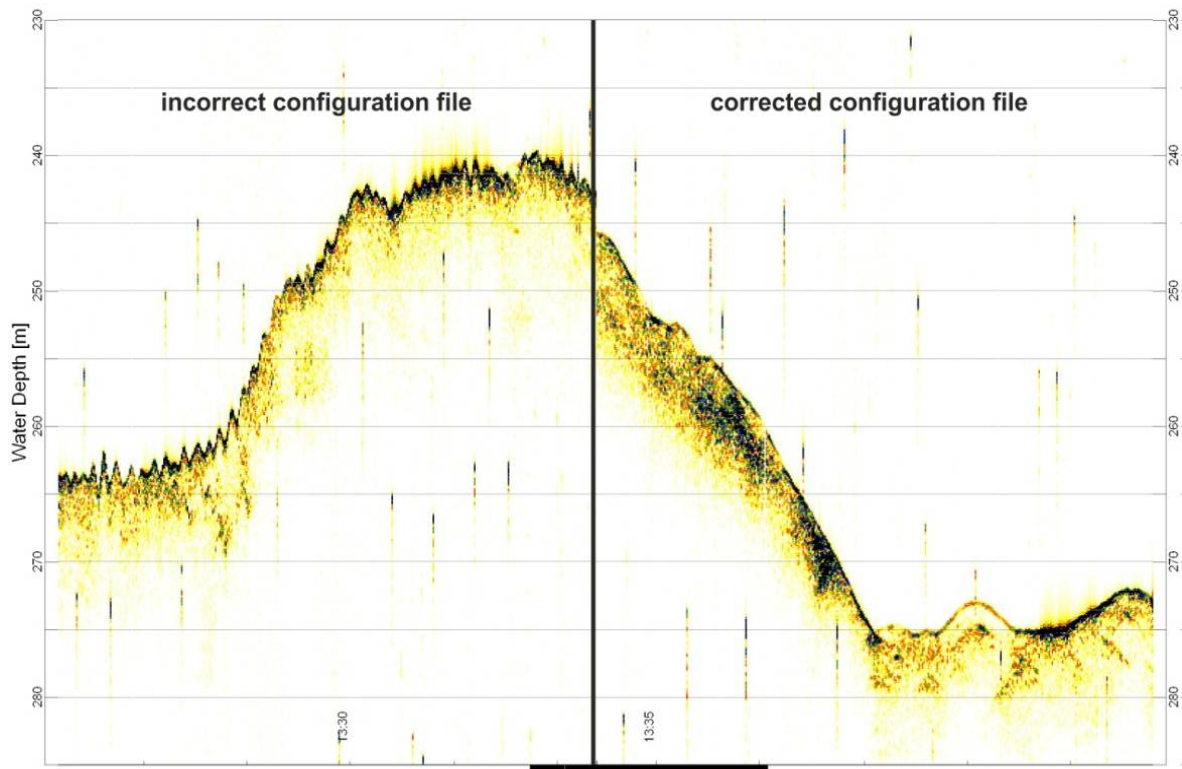


Fig. 5.2: Comparison of PARASOUND data before and after correction of the lever arms in the configuration file at the 18.05.2011.

Especially on the shelf during rough weather conditions it was realized during the second leg, that the data were obviously not fully motion corrected. After several days of remote maintenances by Atlas Hydrographic, it turned out that the values for the distance between motion sensor and transducer were wrongly set in the configuration file. This value, the lever arm for the pitch, has been changed during the last shipyard stay, but was not changed in the configuration file. After changing this value, the data quality improved significantly. Using the correction also in “Advanced Option Panel” in Parastore, replays of data from the slope show much better coherence and penetration. Therefore all data from the cruise up the correction of the configuration file at the 18.05.2011 has to be replayed. Figure 5.2 shows the PARASOUND data before and after correction of the configuration file at the 18.05.2011.

5.1.2.2 Processing of the Data

For visualization, online processing and storage, the ParaStore Software Package was used. Data can be stored in the PARASOUND own ASD format, but also in the more common PS3 or SEG-Y Format. Several windows can be opened to display different signals (PHF, SLF, SHF) with different scaling and/or processing parameters. This allows optimizing windows for specific purposes, as e.g. imaging of the upper 20 m of sediments to select optimal coring locations, to choose a full penetration plot, which also allows coverage of the topography, or to study the complete water column. For quick images of the sediment column, the custom made software SeNT was used. Furthermore, the SLF data (4 kHz) were processed using the custom made software ps32sgy, including re-sampling of the data to reduce data size while maintaining high resolution, and frequency filtering to separate noise from the source signal. The resulting sgy-data were loaded into Kingdom Suite (SEG-Y format) for a first spatial interpretation and for planning of coring stations.

5.1.2.3 Preliminary Results

As preliminary results three PARASOUND examples are presented here, one from the shelf, one from the shelf break, and one from the deeper part of the study area. Figure 5.3 presents a typical profile crossing the central shelf from west to east. Clearly visible is the most recent depocenter on the shelf. This so-called Mud Belt is here characterized by a max. thickness of ~5 m and on-laps on older sediments which are represented by a mix of prolonged and transparent layers. Seawards of the mud belt the PARASOUND data reveals a high reflectivity seafloor and weak signals from the sediments below, which indicates coarse grained material at the surface. However, it is visible that layers beneath the surface are dipped and show a toplap at the seafloor indicating that these layers represent a regressive system tract.

The PARASOUND profile shown in Figure 5.4 crosses from South to North three channels close to the shelf break in water depths around 300 m (see also Fig. 5.1). The channels are characterized by reliefs of 20 m and widths of around 500 m, and are located on the northern flank of a depression. South of the channels this depression is filled by a complex pattern of sedimentary structures. On top of well stratified layers, parallel to subparallel reflectors are intercalated by transparent units, probably representing slides. All these layers are partly heavily folded and interrupted by cut and fill structures indicating that a mix of different processes produced this depression filling. South of the depression the acoustic facies changes drastically to a prolonged seafloor with a high reflectivity and less signal penetration. Beneath the seafloor, inclined sediment units can be identified.

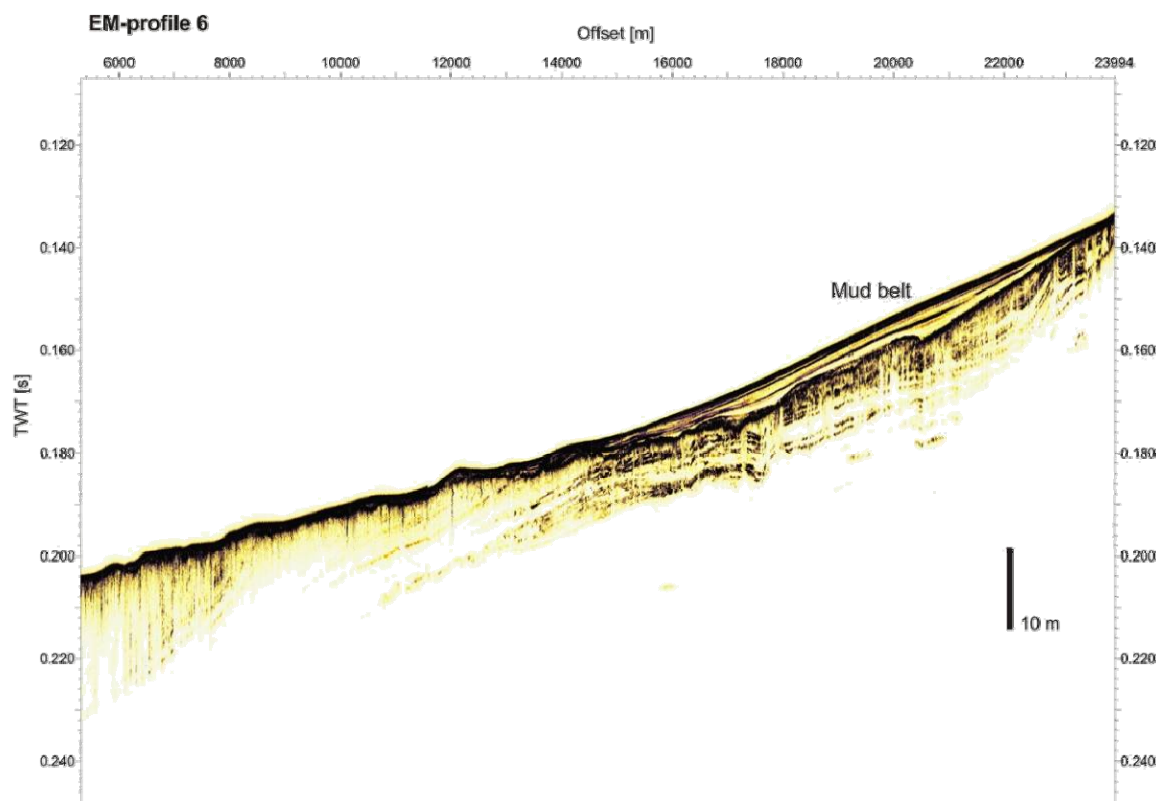


Fig.5.3: PARASOUND profile crossing the mud belt on the central shelf.

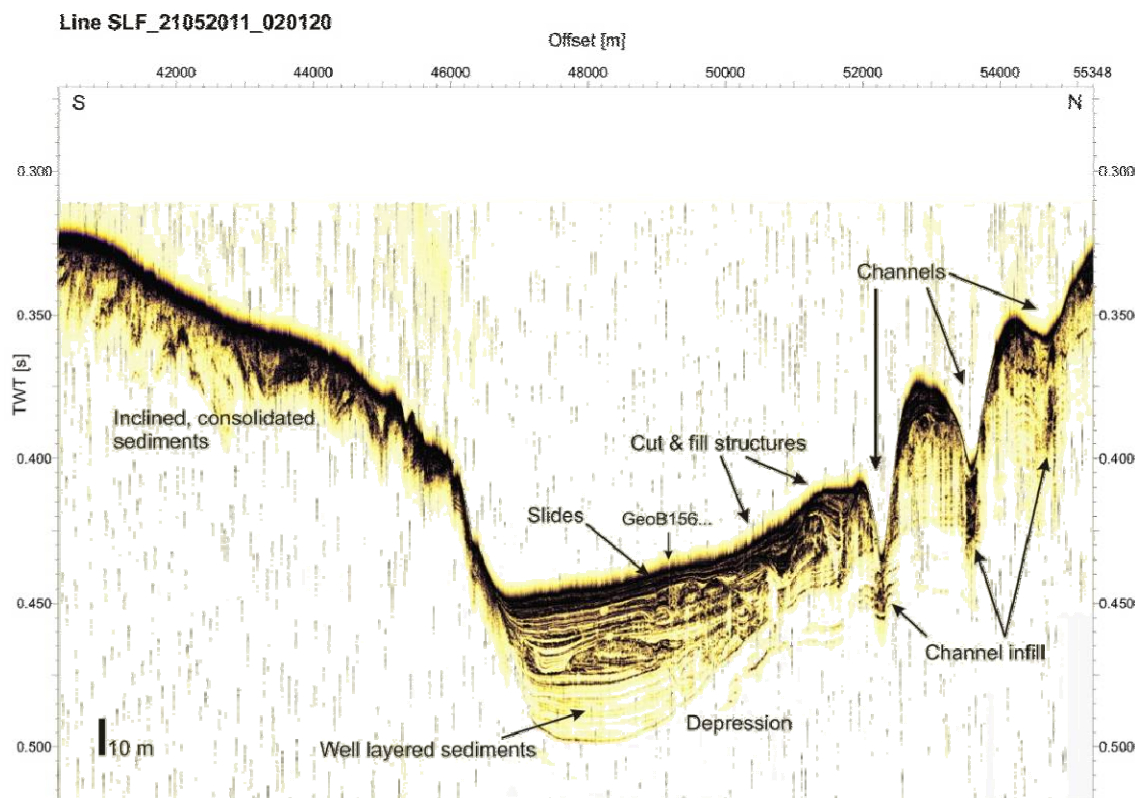


Fig. 5.4: PARASOUND profile parallel to the shelf break.

The last PARASOUND example (Fig. 5.5) shows the sedimentary structures around the northern submarine channel in water depths around 2350 m, collected during Seismic Profile GeoB11-010. The submarine channel is located in a broader valley, and the flanks of this valley are characterized by different acoustic facies. On the flank north of the channel, the data reveal prolonged but subparallel reflectors with less penetration of the signal. Both observations indicate a bottom current controlled sedimentation of coarse grained sediments. Closer to the channel, transparent bodies are visible, suggesting mass flow deposits there. The channel itself is characterized by asymmetric flanks and a sedimentary filling of ~20 m. However, the upper flanks of the channel show erosional truncation, therefore a recent activity of the channel is not unlikely. South of the channel, the sediment column is represented by wavy, parallel to subparallel reflectors, partly intercalated by thin transparent layers. The signal penetration is much deeper here as north of the channel. All observations imply, that sedimentation on the flank south of the channel is as well mainly contouritic, but gravity-driven down slope processes have also an influence on the sedimentary architecture.

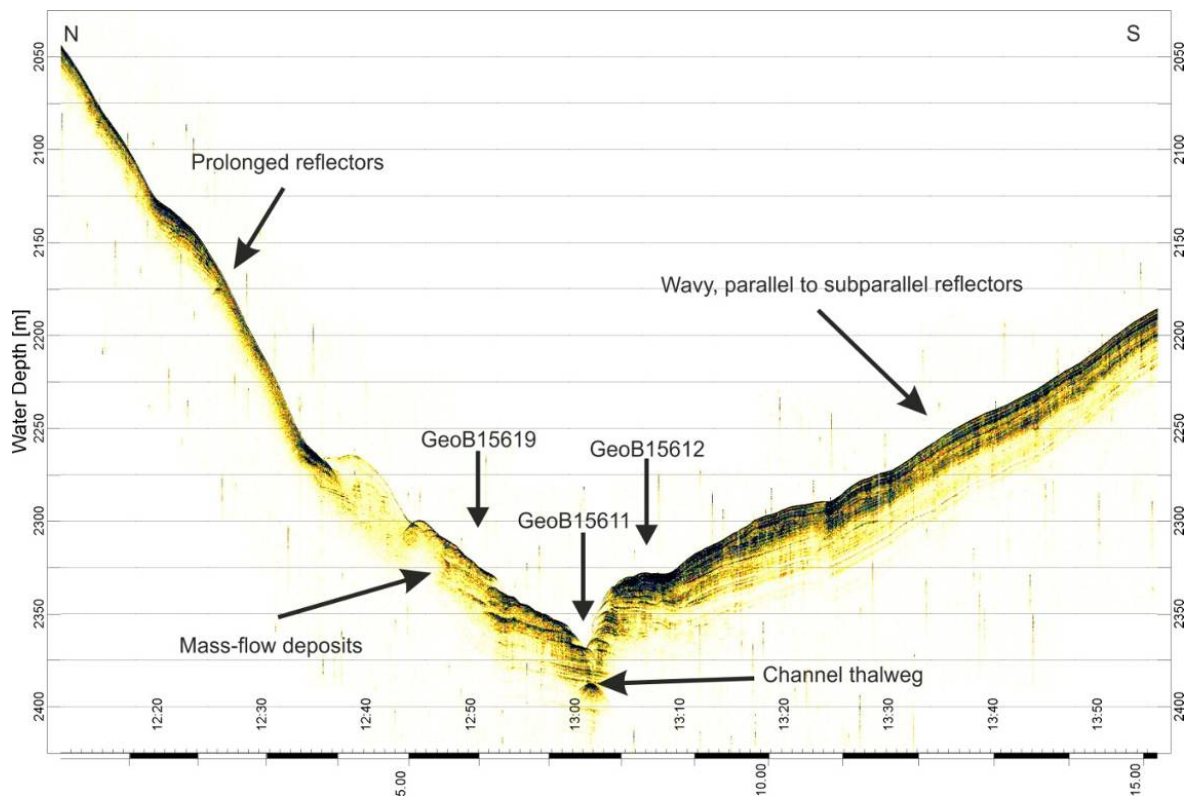


Fig. 5.5: PARASOUND data from Profile GeoB11-010 imaging the northern submarine channel.

5.2 Multichannel Seismics

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During the cruise M84/4 the equipment of the working group Marine Technology/Environmental Research at the Department of Geosciences, University of Bremen, was used for acquiring high-

resolution multichannel seismic data to image the sedimentary structures on a meter-scale, which can usually not be resolved by conventional seismic systems. Main components of the system are the seismic source, the streamer, the acquisition system, the trigger unit and the GPS/Navigation system from the ship (Fig. 5.6)

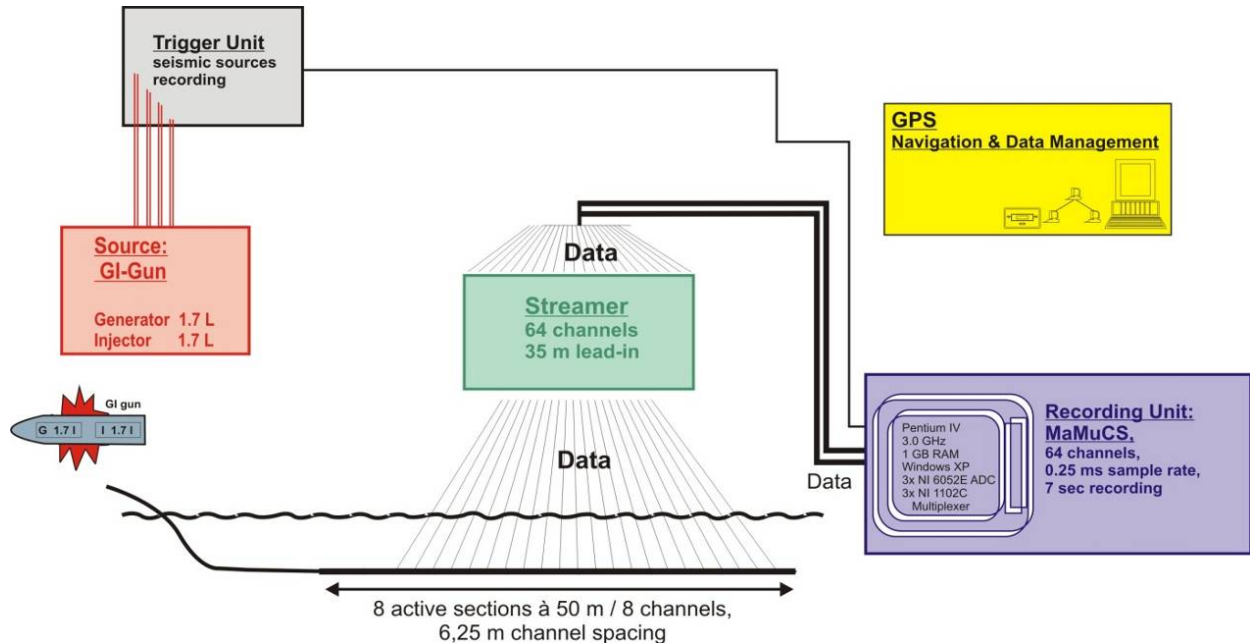


Fig. 5.6: Seismic system setup during cruise M84-4a

5.2.1 Technical Description

5.2.1.1 Source and Receiver

As seismic source a GI-Gun (generator volume: 1.7 L, injector volume: 1.7 L) was shot on all seismic lines. The main frequency range of the emitted sound waves is 100-300 Hz. The gun was towed at the port side ~16 m behind the ship's stern (Fig. 5.7). The gun was shot in a harmonic mode. The injector was triggered with a delay of 25 ms to the generator signal which basically eliminated the bubble signal. High-pressurized air was provided by the new compressor container manufactured by Sauer Company normally used on RV MERIAN. The gun was shot at an air pressure of 145-155 bar. The shooting rate was 7 seconds. Average speed during seismic profiling was ~5 kn resulting in a shot point distance of appx. 10 m. Compressor and gun worked quite reliable, therefore no data gap exists.

Data were received by a 400 m long 64-channel analogue streamer (SYNTRON) of Bremen University with up to 13 hydrophones per group. The streamer consists of 8 active sections of 50 m length, which are subdivided into 8 hydrophone groups. Each of the 6.25 m long hydrophone groups is again subdivided into 5 subgroups of different length. A programming module distributes the subgroups of 4 hydrophone groups, i.e. a total of 20 groups, to 4 channels. To keep the

streamer in a constant depth, five Digi Birds were attached. Bird depths were set before each survey through the Digi Bird Controller. This PC should also have monitored and recorded bird depths and magnetic orientation, however, due to serious connection- and trigger-problems this functionality was switched off. The active section was towed with a Lead-In and a Stretch. The length of the Lead-In behind the ship was 35 m, the length of the Stretch was 48 m, adding to 83 m distance between the start of the active section and the ships stern (Fig. 5.7).

5.2.1.2 Data Acquisition

Data were recorded with the custom designed MaMuCS-System (Marine Multi Channel Seismic Acquisition System), which was developed at Bremen University. It consists of a Pentium IV based PC (3 GHz, 1GB RAM, Windows XP) with three NI6052E 16bit AD-converters. Each ADC is connected to a 32 channel multiplexer (NI-SCXI1102-C) with onboard preamplification and anti-alias filter. The system therefore provides a maximum of 96 channels at maximum sampling rate of 10 kHz per channel. The sample rate can be increased dynamically if the number of channels is reduced.

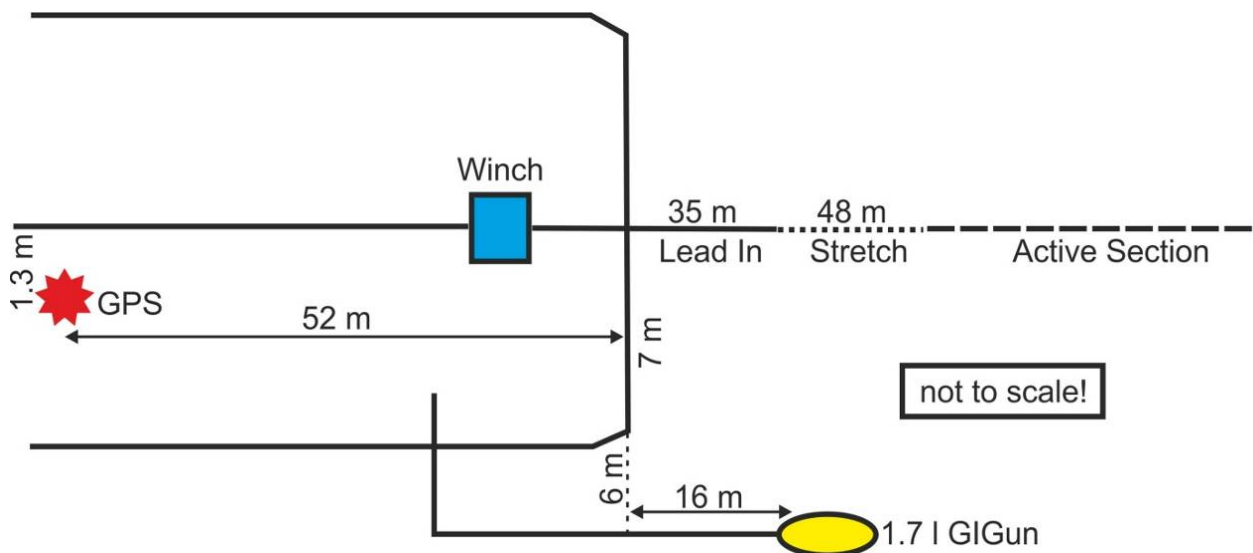


Fig. 5.7: Towing geometry during cruise M84-4a

The acquisition software provides nearly continuous recording of the 96 channels with data storage in demultiplexed SEG-Y format (floating-point IEEE) to hard disk. The software allows online quality control by displaying shot gathers and an online profile plot using brute stacks of arbitrary channels. The online profile can additionally be printed immediately to an attached windows printer and/or stored in SEG-Y format. The MaMuCS-PC is also used for logging the ship's GPS data and also for distribution the GPS data to other PCs via the network.

5.2.1.3 Trigger Unit

The custom trigger unit that was used during the cruise controls the seismic source, the MaMuCS system and the DiGi-Bird controller. The unit is set up on an IBM compatible PC with a Windows NT 4.0 operating system and includes a real-time controller interface card (SORCUS) with 16I/O channels, synchronized by an internal clock. The unit is connected to an amplifier unit and a gun amplifier unit. The PC runs custom software, which allows defining arbitrary combinations of trigger signals, which are used to optimize the available recording time for the seismic source and to minimize shot distance. Trigger times can be changed at any time during the survey. Through this feature, the recording delay can be adjusted to water depth without interruption of data acquisition. The amplifier unit converts the controller output to positive TTL levels. The gun amplifier unit, which generates a 60V/ 8A trigger level, controls the magnetic valve of the gun.

5.2.2 Preliminary Results

During cruise M84/4, seismic data were collected on 42 profiles with a total length of ~ 800 km. For profile list, see Appendix. One main focus was to image sedimentary structures around the submarine channel and its tributary gullies in the northern half of the study area (Fig. 5.8).

Profile GeoB11-021 (Fig. 5.9) was shot perpendicular to the slope nearly parallel to the channel and reveals the slope architecture in this area with respect to the distance to the shelf break. Clearly visible is the acoustic basement with a ~ 500 m sediment package on top. The basement crops out on the upper slope and defines thereby sedimentary sub-basins. Downslope of the outcrop chaotic deposits are visible, followed by a section characterized by more stratified sediments. The lower slope of the profile is again dominated by chaotic deposits, which suggests that mass transport deposits play (not surprisingly) a major role in the depositional history here. In the central part the profile cut the levee deposits south of the channel (Figs. 5.8 and 5.9).

Profile GeoB11-012 (Fig. 5.10) crosses the submarine channel from North to South parallel to the slope (see Fig. 5.8). A thick acoustic basement is recognizable in the centre of the profile beneath the recent channel. The basement dips up beneath the ridge north of the channel, suggesting that this ridge has a tectonic evolution. In contrast, the acoustic basement beneath the elevation south of the channel is horizontal, which indicates that this elevation is a positive sedimentary structure. The sediment column can be vertically separated into an upper package of high amplitude reflectors on top of a package of low amplitude reflectors. This change in seismic facies indicates a higher sedimentation dynamic during the deposition of the upper unit. All reflector packages reveal a subparallel pattern, probably caused by the interaction of bottom currents and sedimentation, but also creeping of the sediments is possible, especially on the ridge north of the channel.

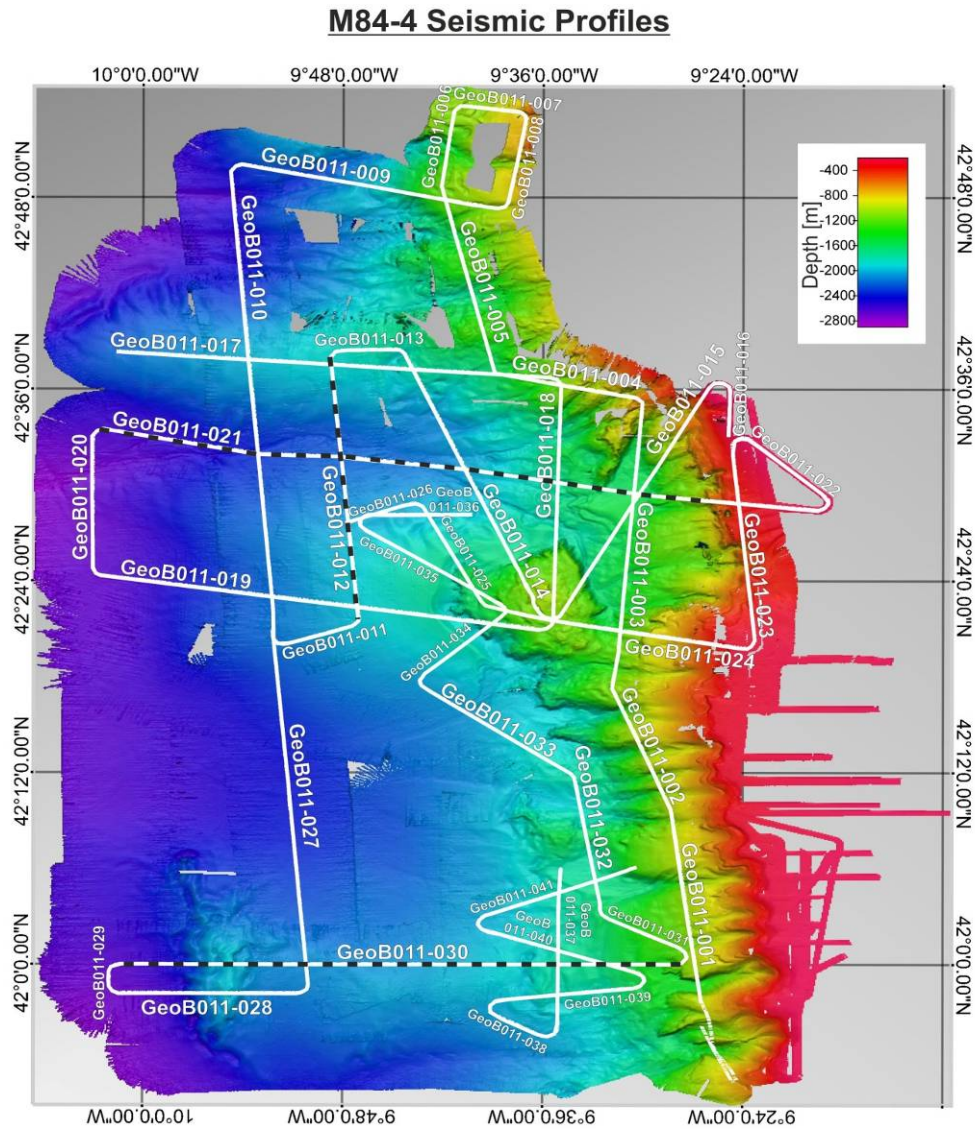


Fig. 5.8: Map of seismic profiles on top of multibeam bathymetry. Black-white dashed lines represents profiles shown in the cruise report.

Profile GeoB11-030 (Fig. 5.11) runs perpendicular to the slope and is located in the southern part of the study area (see Fig. 5.8). It crosses the north-south trending ridge located there, which is characterized by an upcoming basement revealing the tectonic origin of this feature. In between the ridge and the upper slope a sediment filled basin is visible. As in Profile GeoB11-012, a vertically separation of high- and low-amplitude reflectors can be recognized. It is also obvious, that the level of the seafloor east of the ridge is higher as west of the ridge, suggesting that the ridge acts as obstacle for downslope transported sediments. On the slope, several small contouritic drifts were identified, demonstrating the impact of bottom currents on the shape of the margin.

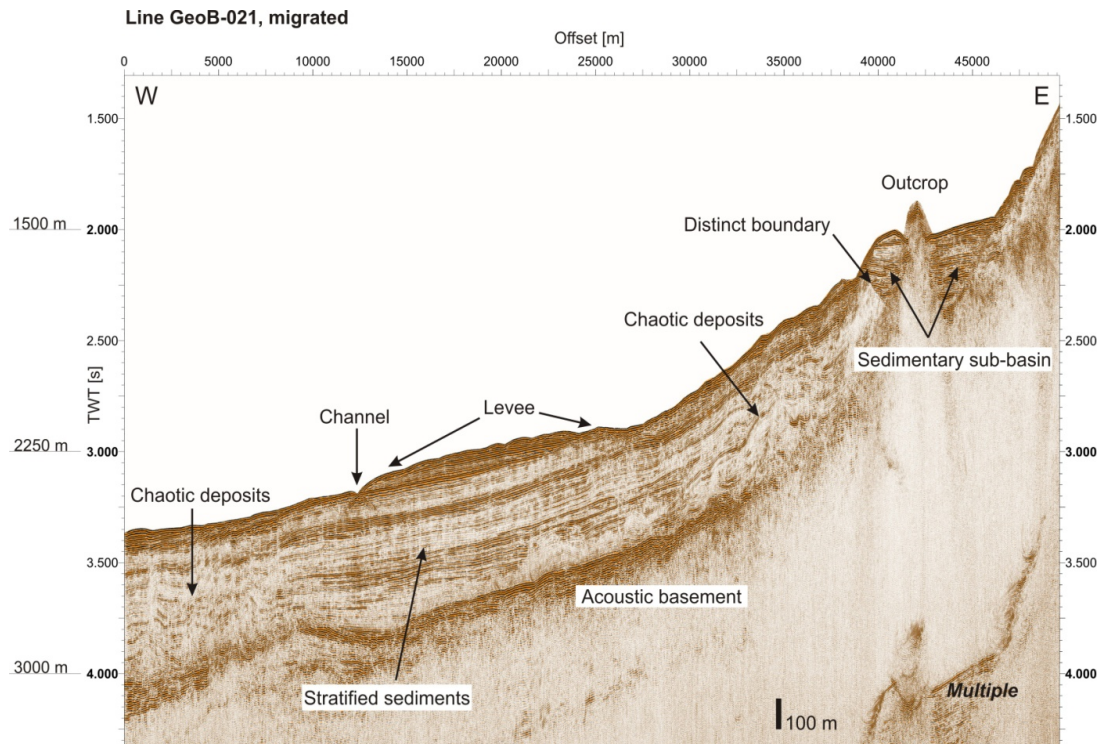


Fig. 5.9: Seismic Profile GeoB11-021 running parallel to the submarine channel in the northern part of the study area. For location, refer to Figure 5.8.

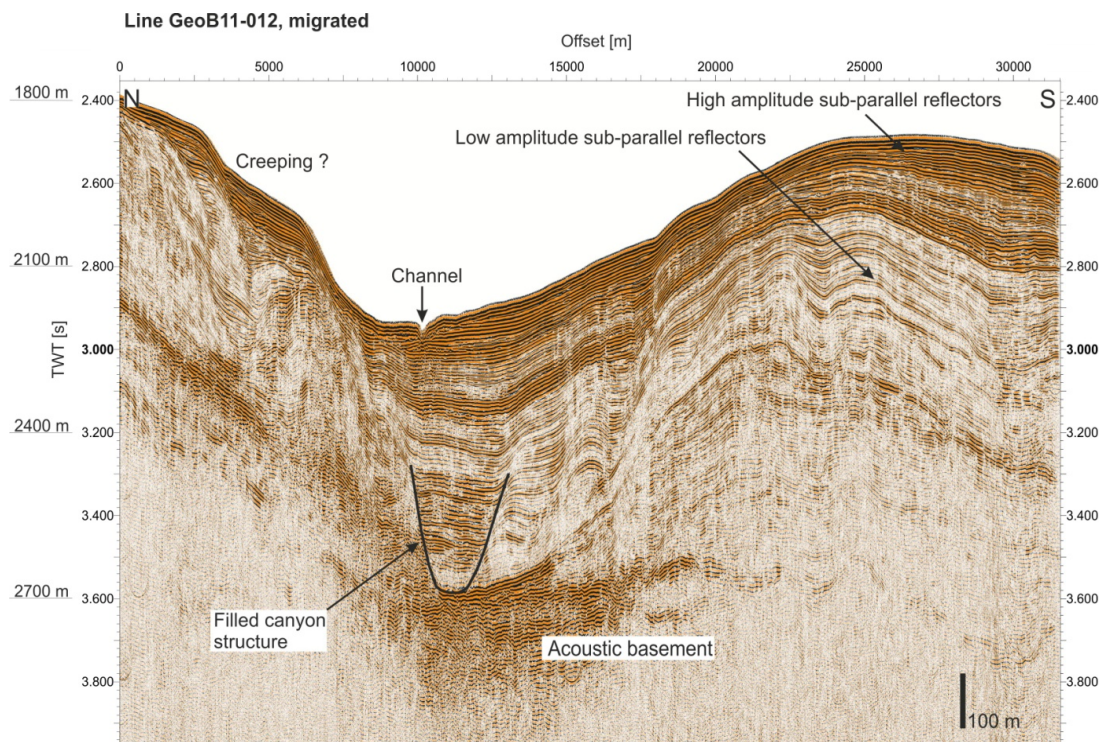


Figure 5.10: Seismic Profile GeoB11-012 crossing the submarine channel in the northern part of the study area. For location, refer to Figure 5.8.

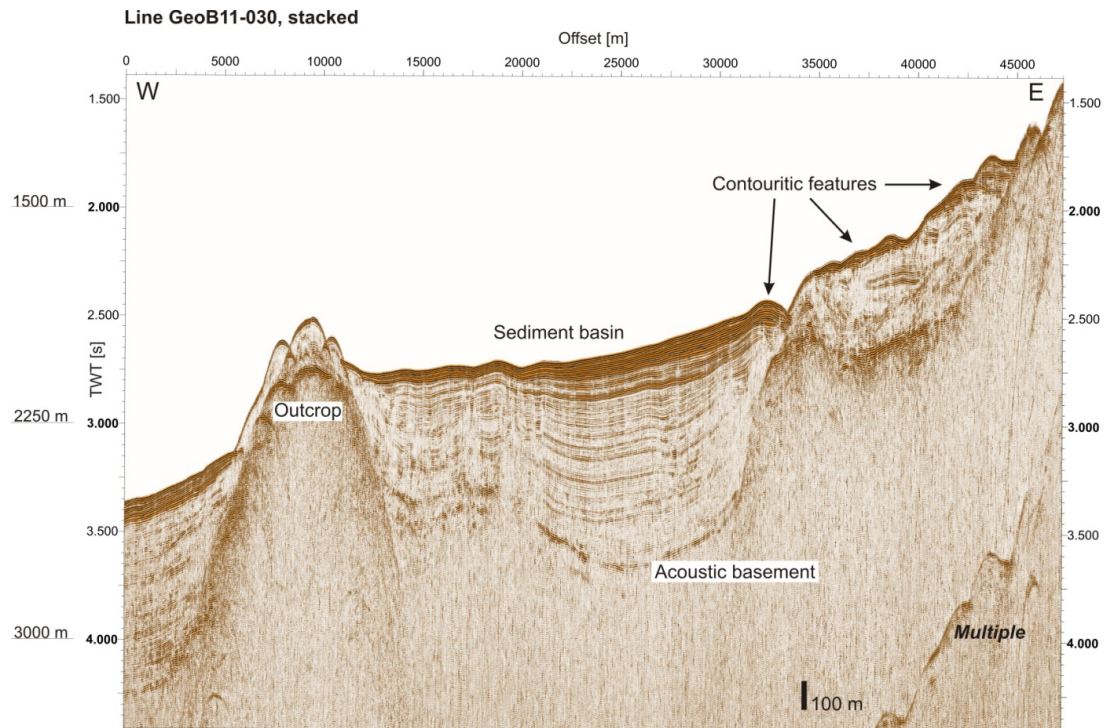


Fig. 5.11: Seismic Profile GeoB11-030 showing the sedimentary basin between the basement ridge and the slope in the southern part of the study area. For location, refer to Figure 5.8.

Table 1: List of seismic profiles.

Number of profile	Start					End				
	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	MaMuCS	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	MaMuCS
		UTC	south xx° xx.x'	east xx° xx.x'	FFN		UTC	south xx° xx.x'	east xx° xx.x'	FFN
M84-4-GeoB11-										
001	2.5.11	17:01	41°58.26	-9°26.56	437	2.5.11	19:06	42°9.83	-9°28.37	1605
002	2.5.11	19:17	42°9.91	-9°28.40	1606	2.5.11	20:43	42°17.09	-9°31.73	2339
003	2.5.11	20:43	42°17.09	-9°31.73	2339	3.5.11	00:19	42°34.842	-9°30.051	4273
004	3.5.11	00:30	42°35.519	-9°30.667	4339	3.5.11	1:40	42°36.865	-9°38.168	4949
005	3.5.11	1:52	42°37.413	-9°39.012	5036	3.5.11	04:08	42°48.82	-9°42.08	6209
006	3.5.11	04:09	42°48.82	-9°42.08	6213	3.5.11	05:04	42°53.496	-9°41.262	6686
007	3.5.11	05:11	42°53.721	-9°40.544	6746	3.5.11	05:35	42°53.339	-9°37.377	7011
008	3.5.11	05:47	42°52.792	-9°37.018	7084	3.5.11	06:55	42°47.615	-9°38.139	7649
009	3.5.11	07:05	42°47.339	-9°38.975	7728	3.5.11	09:25	42°50.043	-9°54.179	8915
010	3.5.11	09:35	42°49.376	-9°54.716	8997	3.5.11	15:37	42°20.349	-9°52.142	12035
011	3.5.11	15:46	42°20.060	-9°51.292	12117	3.5.11	16:24	42°21.225	-9°47.303	12431
012	3.5.11	16:30	42°21.702	-9°47.034	12486	3.5.11	19:57	42°38.102	-9°48.681	14222
013	3.5.11	20:04	42°38.422	-9°48.044	14283	3.5.11	20:35	42°38.473	-9°44.686	14545
014	3.5.11	20:41	42°38.152	-9°44.244	14595	4.5.11	00:36	42°21.777	-9°35.934	16657
015	4.5.11	00:47	42°22.036	-9°34.805	16666	4.5.11	03:51	42°36.064	-9°26.071	18242
016	4.5.11	04:09	42°35.851	-9°24.773	18395	4.5.11	04:45	42°33.002	-9°24.874	18701
017	6.5.11	00:27	42°38.348	-10°1.810	183	6.5.11	04:18	42°36.656	-9°35.180	2160
018	6.5.11	04:25	42°36.259	-9°34.917	2211	6.5.11	08:01	42°21.024	-9°35.800	3546
019	6.5.11	08:06	42°20.979	-9°36.296	3585	6.5.11	11:52	42°24.432	-10°2.767	5505
020	6.5.11	11:59	42°25.031	-10°3.003	5564	6.5.11	13:31	42°33.180	-10°2.940	6365
021	6.5.11	13:39	42°33.473	-10°2.206	6423	6.5.11	19:57	42°28.801	-9°19.214	9667
022	6.5.11	20:09	42°29.337	-9°19.122	9768	6.5.11	21:04	42°32.933	-9°23.786	314
023	6.5.11	21:16	42°32.382	-9°24.658	412	6.5.11	23:38	42°20.088	-9°23.359	1627
024	6.5.11	23:46	42°19.813	-9°24.120	1695	7.5.11	02:12	42°22.587	-9°39.592	2939
025	7.5.11	02:15	42°22.820	-9°39.733	2964	7.5.11	02:33	MaMuCS crash		
025b	7.5.11	02:55	start			7.5.11	03:30	42°28.736	-9°43.340	291
026	7.5.11	03:36	42°28.814	-9°44.025	354	7.5.11	04:17	42°27.494	-9°48.278	703
027	9.5.11	07:19	42°20.944	-9°52.208	237	9.5.11	11:21	41°58.462	-9°50.142	2272
028	9.5.11	11:28	41°58.199	-9°50.828	2333	9.5.11	12:58	41°58.357	-10°1.840	3048
029	9.5.11	13:03	41°58.774	-10°2.008	3139	9.5.11	13:19	41°59.997	-10°1.327	3266
030	9.5.11	13:22	41°59.997	-10°1.002	3290	9.5.11	18:31	42°0.122	-9°25.578	5897
031	9.5.11	18:44	42°1.052	-9°27.833	6010	9.5.11	19:25	42°3.024	9°32.333	6350
032	9.5.11	19:29	42°3.429	-9°32.550	6393	9.5.11	20:56	42°11.569	-9°34.061	7118
033	9.5.11	21:02	42°12.007	-9°34.461	7173	9.5.11	22:43	42°18.011	-9°43.271	8026
034	9.5.11	22:45	42°18.208	-9°43.986	8049	9.5.11	23:45	42°22.035	-9°38.245	8551
035	9.5.11	23:52	42°22.581	-9°38.588	8613	10.5.11	01:26			9404
036	10.5.11	01:41	42°28.140	-9°45.858	8	10.5.11	02:31	42°28.144	-9°40.072	432
037	12.5.11	01:20	42°6.064	-9°34.877	124	12.5.11	03:12	42°55.773	-9°35.172	1088
038	12.5.11	03:20	45°55.528	-9°36.031	1156	12.5.11	03:48	41°57.025	-9°39.057	1395
039	12.5.11	03:59	41°57.782	-9°38.444	1487	12.5.11	05:04	41°58.598	-9°30.220	2046
040	12.5.11	05:14	41°58.418	-9°30.119	2132	12.5.11	06:30	42°2.217	-9°39.637	2784
041	12.5.11	06:40	42°3.082	-9°39.372	2871	12.5.11	07:45	42°5.808	-9°31.112	3422

5.3 Electromagnetic Seafloor Profiling with 'MARUM-NERIDIS III'

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5.3.1 Technical Description

The novel MARUM-NERIDIS III (NERItic DIScoverer) is a bottom towed, marine electromagnetic (EM) profiler (Fig. 5.12, left) that quantifies both, the magnetic susceptibility and the electric conductivity of shallow marine deposits. The two physical properties differ fundamentally

insofar as susceptibility assesses sediment matrix properties such as terrigenous or iron mineral content, redox state and contamination level, while conductivity primarily relates to the fluid-filled pore space and detects salinity, porosity and grain-size variations.



Fig. 5.12: (left) NERIDIS III during recovery; (center) control center; (right) safety buoy.

The EM profiler (Fig. 5.13) was equipped with an EM induction sensor, a conductivity-temperature-depth (CTD) probe with turbidity meter, two pressure housings containing control units (PC, motion sensor, network and telemetry components) and lithium batteries and an emergency flotation device that allows the recovery of the profiler from the sea surface after loss of the tow connection. A safety buoy with Xenon light and radio beacon (Fig. 5.12, right) was attached to the profiler by means of a 500 m Kevlar rope.

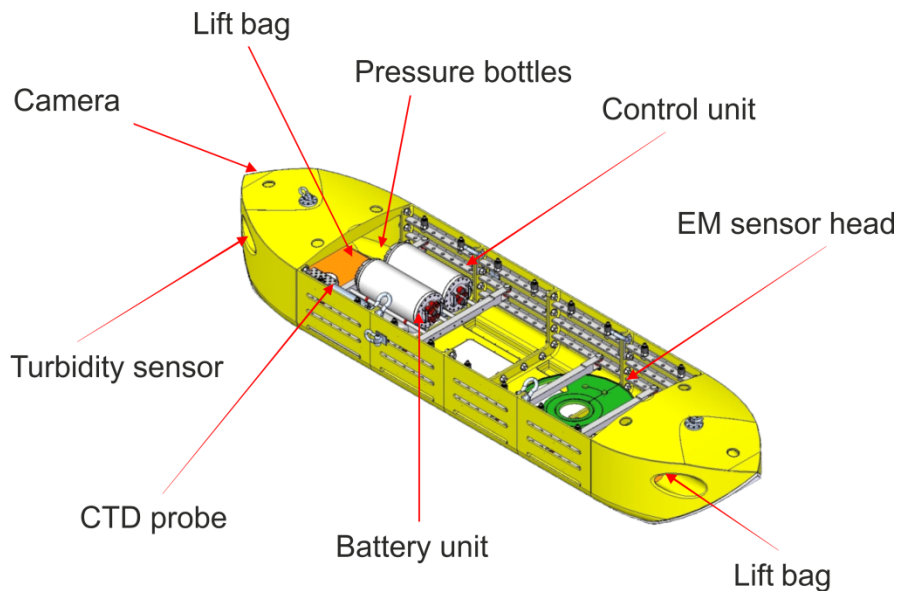


Figure 5.13: Setup of the MARUM NERIDIS III EM profiler (frame: non-magnetic, non-conductive, ruggedized fiberglass sled; dimensions: 5.2 x 1.2 x 0.6 m).

Deployment and recovery of the system was realized via the A-frame off the stern of R/V METEOR, making use of winch W3 with 11 mm armored coax cable (Fig. 5.14). EM, CTD, navigation and winch data were controlled in real time in the Lab 9 (“Mess- und Registrierlabor”;

Fig. 5.12, center). EM 710 Multibeam and PARASOUND data were gathered along the EM tracks before each EM profile was conducted and during the deployment of the profiler to avoid collisions with obstacles or fisher nets.

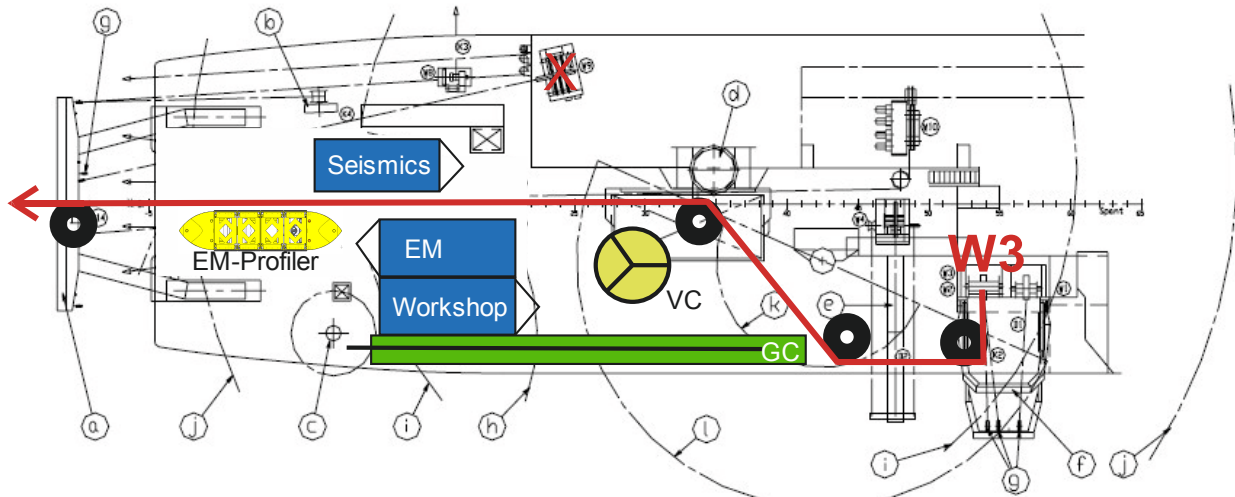


Fig. 5.14: Schematic view of the quarterdeck configuration showing the projected tow cable pathway (red), the EM profiler (yellow), container (blue) and coring devices.

Ground distance and operation frequencies of the broadband frequency-domain controlled source EM sensor of horizontal coplanar and concentric coil configuration were optimized for synchronous magnetic susceptibility and electric conductivity measurement of surficial sediment (90% signal from 0-50 cm subbottom depth). Operation frequencies of 75, 175, 525, 1025 and 2725 Hz were used with peak transmitter moment of 174 Am². Lateral sub-meter resolution of the magnetic susceptibility and electric conductivity of the seafloor was reached at sampling rates of 25 samples per second. 4 Hz conductivity, temperature and pressure data of the CTD were used to calculate bottom water salinity and to establish a sub-meter resolution along-track bathymetry. The newly implemented turbidity sensor produced very useful and relevant information on nepheloid sediment transport.

MARUM NERIDIS III is the successor of NERIDIS II that was successfully used over a total of 300 km profile length the Galician shelf during R/V POSEIDON cruise P366/3 in 2008 and lost by unfortunate maneuvers during R/V METEOR cruise M78/3 in 2009. The new, technologically far advanced EM profiler was tested in February 2011 on R/V ALKOR and performed its first scientific mission during this cruise. NERIDIS III comprises a number of novel safety concepts like an autonomous flotation device. Handling of the profiler improved significantly by using the W3 winch instead of the W12 friction winch used in 2009. Pre-surveying with the EM 710 multibeam sonar and PARASOUND echosounder was performed in advance of all NERIDIS III operations to identify and avoid obstacles on the seafloor.

R/V METEOR had to stop or abort profiles severally due to closely crossing fisher boats (although local fishermen were informed by local radio about all deployments of this deep-towed system), numerous ships wrecks as well as the frequent appearance of gillnets and floating nets. On May 18th, tow-line and sled collided with a fisher net trawled right across R/V METEOR's track causing a critical situation for the EM profiler and ship. Thanks to excellent work of our crew, the profiler was successful recovered without visible damage, but malfunction of an irreplaceable flotation device valve manifested after the collision. After a thorough risk evaluation with the ship's command, it was decided to withdraw from any further deep-towed operations due to unacceptably high risks of further collisions with omnipresent and often hidden fishing gear in this probably most intensely fished area of Europe.

5.3.2 Data Acquisition

The MARUM-NERIDIS III was deployed along 3 E-W profiles, and 1 S-N profile on the Galician continental shelf (Table 2). Sensor calibration in the water column was performed in a deep-sea setting, where the system was lowered stepwise down to 400 m water depth. At typical tow speeds between 2-4 knots, a total profile coverage of 118 km was achieved in water depths between 100 and 200 m. All parts and operations of the EM Profiler worked reliably and produced excellent data.

Table 2: EM Profiles on the continental shelf.

Profile	Start		End		Length
EM001	42° 07' 00" N	009° 16' 59" W	42° 07' 00" N	008° 58' 39" W	26.99 km
EM002	42° 04' 33" N	009° 18' 49" W	42° 04' 16" N	008° 58' 19" W	28.63 km
EM003	42° 01' 24" N	009° 21' 56" W	42° 01' 10" N	009° 17' 33" W	6.34 km
EM004	42° 00' 00" N	009° 14' 40" W	42° 30' 00" N	009° 15' 37" W	56.32 km

5.3.3 Preliminary Results

EM profiling in this area had the objective to classify the facies and textures of the surficial sediments and to map their distribution at meter-scale spatial resolution with a special focus on facies transitions. The internal CTD measures bathymetry, bottom water salinity and turbidity to identify changes of bottom water conditions and bathymetry, current induced sediment resuspension and potential transport pathways. According to own work and literature, four major sediment facies were defined from cored material that can be characterized by joint magnetic susceptibility and electric conductivity (porosity) measurements:

- (1) The mud facies comprises fine-grained, mostly muddy Holocene high-stand sediments of high susceptibility and conductivity
- (2) The mixed sand facies consists of relict and reworked siliciclastic and carbonatic sands with generally low magnetic susceptibility and intermediate to low conductivity;
- (3) The glaucony facies consists of mostly relict, late Miocene sands containing paramagnetic glaucony, characterized by high susceptibility and low conductivity values;
- (4) The gravel facies is dominated by shell fragments and coarse silicates and is characterized by a low susceptibility and an intermediate conductivity.

The empirical relation of the measured sediment conductivity σ_s , pore-water conductivity σ_w (approximately the CTD determined conductivity) and porosity ϕ is given by Archie's law:

$$\sigma_s = a \cdot \sigma_w \phi^m S_w^n,$$

where constants m (the cementation factor), a and n can be determined from reference samples or chosen according to published values for the respective sediment type. Typical values for marine sands are $m = 1.5 - 1.8$ and $a = 1$. The pore water saturation factor S_w ($0 \leq S_w \leq 1$) is only relevant for marine sediments that include free gas or other pore space constituents.

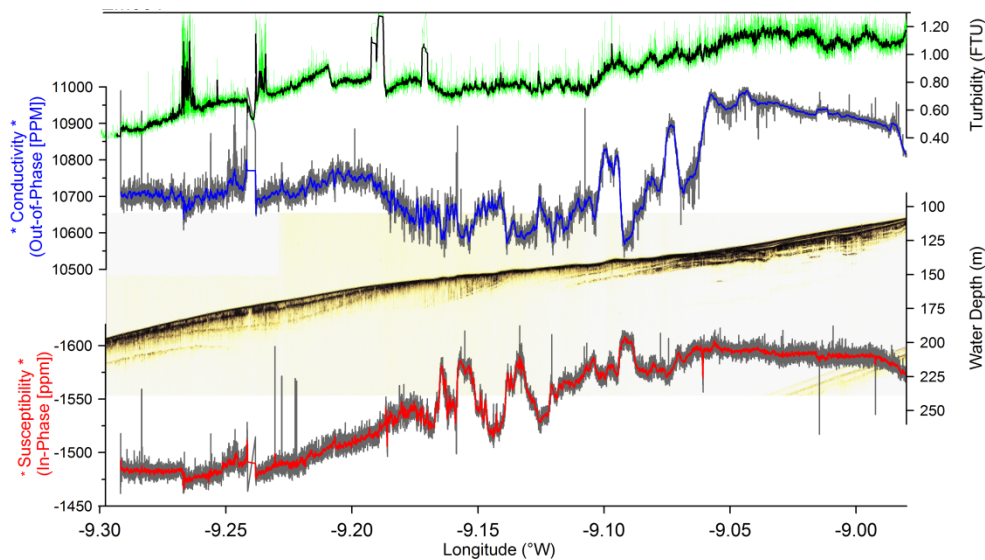


Fig. 5.15: W-E Profile EM001 crossing the Galician shelf at 42° 07' N.

The two exemplary profiles shown here, EM001 (WE profile at 42° 07' N; Fig. 5.15) and EM004 (SN profile on the outer shelf; Fig. 5.16), nicely summarize the vast variability and complexity of the shelf sediments and bottom water turbidity. The PARASOUND section in Figure 5.3 illustrates the modern Galician mud belt as an up to 6 m thick stratified Holocene mud lens deposited on top of older sand deposits. Noticeably, the turbidity shows enhanced values of approximately 1.1 FTU on the mud belt. In the EM profiles, the mud-belt is represented by con-

current susceptibility and conductivity highs. Following the track from the inner shelf in westerly direction, the apparent magnetic susceptibility and electric conductivity rises over the mud belt until mid-shelf lithology changes (9.07° W or 125 m water depth) cause undulating and generally lower susceptibility and conductivity values reflecting bathymetrically recognizable bedform variations. A material change to more weakly magnetic sands occurs in 150 to 175 m water depth.

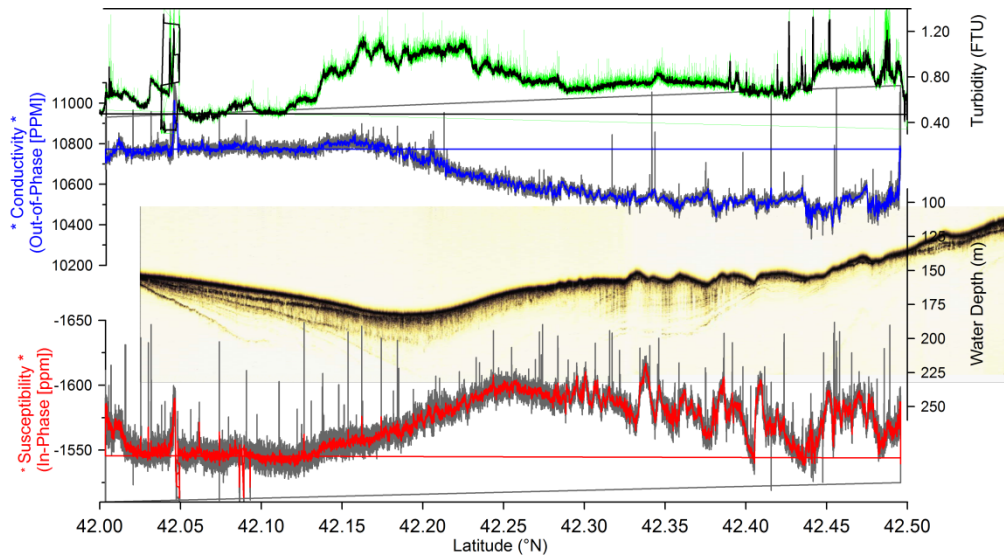


Fig. 5.16: S-N Profile EM004 parallel to the shelf break on the outer shelf.

Profile EM004 crosses profile EM 001 and follows the outer shelf roughly parallel to the shelf break in 130 to 170 m water depth. Following the profile from south to north, the PARASOUND image illustrates a lens like sediment wedge, where EM data indicate sediments of low susceptibility and intermediate conductivity – probably a mixed sand facies. Susceptibility values increase with fading thickness of the sediment wedge towards the center of a morphological depression (at about 42.13° N and 175 m water depth) and further rise on the northern flank of the depression, while the conductivity shows opposite behavior. Noticeable, the turbidity rises to values of 1.1 FTU within the depression, similar to magnitudes found on the mud belt in profile EM001. However, ADCP measurements (Chapter 5.8, Figure 5.25) show eastward directed currents, indicating upwelling conditions in this area at the time of transect. Between 42.27° N and 42.50° N undulating bathymetry, susceptibility and conductivity depicts another bedform dominated zone of preferentially highly compacted glaucony sands. Turbidity values raise high to about 1.1 FTU at the northernmost part of the profile.

5.4 Physical Properties Studies

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Most of the sediment series recovered during METEOR Cruise M84-4 by vibro and gravity coring were subject to routine shipboard measurements of magnetic susceptibility (Table 3). These were performed on closed full cores. Magnetic susceptibility is closely related to sediment lithology and provides high-resolution core logs with a standard spacing of 2 cm. It was measured with a manually operated susceptibility logger. Data were automatically determined and stored by the system's personal computer. Additionally, we measured electrical resistivity with a 4-point probe on a series of short cores recovered by coring with giant box corer, multi-corer and Rumohr corer. In addition, oriented samples in cubic plastic boxes of 6.2 cm volume were taken from gravity cores on shelf locations. Non-oriented samples were taken during splitting of Rumohr cores (sampling scheme see Chapter 5.5), multi cores and giant box cores. The latter were sub-sampled before by pushing a plastic liner with 8 cm diameter into the sediment. Giant box corers were also sampled by a u-shaped plastic profile with a cross-section of about 2.5x2.5 cm. A Kautex bottle of 1-litre volume was taken from each grab sampler. Shore based environmental studies will be performed on these samples.

5.4.1 Physical Background and Experimental Techniques

5.4.1.1 Magnetic Susceptibility

The magnetic volume susceptibility κ is defined by the equations

$$B = \mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot H = \mu_0 \cdot (1 + \kappa) \cdot H = \mu_0 \cdot H + \mu_0 \cdot \kappa \cdot H = B_0 + M$$

with magnetic induction B , absolute and relative permeabilities μ_0 and μ_r , magnetizing field H , magnetic volume susceptibility κ and volume magnetization M . As can be seen from the third term, κ is a dimensionless physical quantity. It records the amount to which a material is magnetized by an external magnetic field.

For marine sediments the magnetic susceptibility may vary from an absolute minimum value of $-15 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (diamagnetic minerals such as pure carbonate or silicate) to a maximum of some $10.000 \cdot 10^{-6}$ for basaltic debris rich in (titano-) magnetite. In most cases κ is primarily determined by the concentration of ferrimagnetic minerals, while paramagnetic matrix components such as clays are of minor importance. Enhanced susceptibilities indicate higher concentrations of litho-

genic or authigenic components. This relation may serve for correlating sedimentary sequences deposited under similar global or regional conditions.

The core logger is mounted with a commercial BARTINGTON M.S.2 susceptibility meter with a 135 mm loop sensor. Due to the sensor's size, its sensitivity extends over a core interval of about 8 cm. Consequently, sharp susceptibility changes in the sediment column will appear smoothed in the κ core log and thin layers such as ashes cannot appropriately be resolved.

5.4.1.2 Electrical Resistivity and Porosity

The electrical sediment resistivity R_s was determined using a handheld *Lippmann 4point light 10W* (Lippmann, Schaufling, Germany) probe with a miniaturized four-electrodes-in-line (“Wenner”) configuration (4 mm electrode spacing). The outer electrodes feed an alternating current of 15 mA maximum with a frequency of 4.16 Hz into the sediment. The resulting potential difference at the inner electrodes yields raw and calibrated values for conductivity and resistivity. Porosity may be calculated according to the empirical Archie’s equation

$$R_s/R_w = k \cdot \phi^{-m}$$

where the ratio of sediment resistivity R_s and pore water resistivity R_w can be approximated by a power function of porosity ϕ . Following a recommendation by BOYCE (1968), suitable for sea water saturated clay-rich sediments, values of 1.30 and 1.45 were used for the constants k and m , respectively. The calculated porosity ϕ is subsequently converted to wet bulk density ρ_{wet} using the equation (BOYCE, 1976)

$$\rho_{wet} = \phi \cdot \rho_f + (1 - \phi) \cdot \rho_m$$

with a pore water density ρ_f of 1030 kg/m³ and a matrix density ρ_m of 2670 kg/m³. For a uniform treatment of all cores, these empirical coefficients were not adapted to individual sediment lithologies. Yet, relative porosity and density changes should be well documented.

The sensor was inserted into the sediments surface to a depth of about 1.5 cm before a new sediment slice of 2 cm thickness was removed from the core top. The sensor averages over approximately 0.6 cm core depth. A platinum thermometer inserted into the sediment measures sediment temperature for temperature compensation. Absolute sensor calibrations using a series of salt water standards are performed prior to the measurement of each core.

Electrical resistivity data are not presented here since they need further processing which was not performed on board.

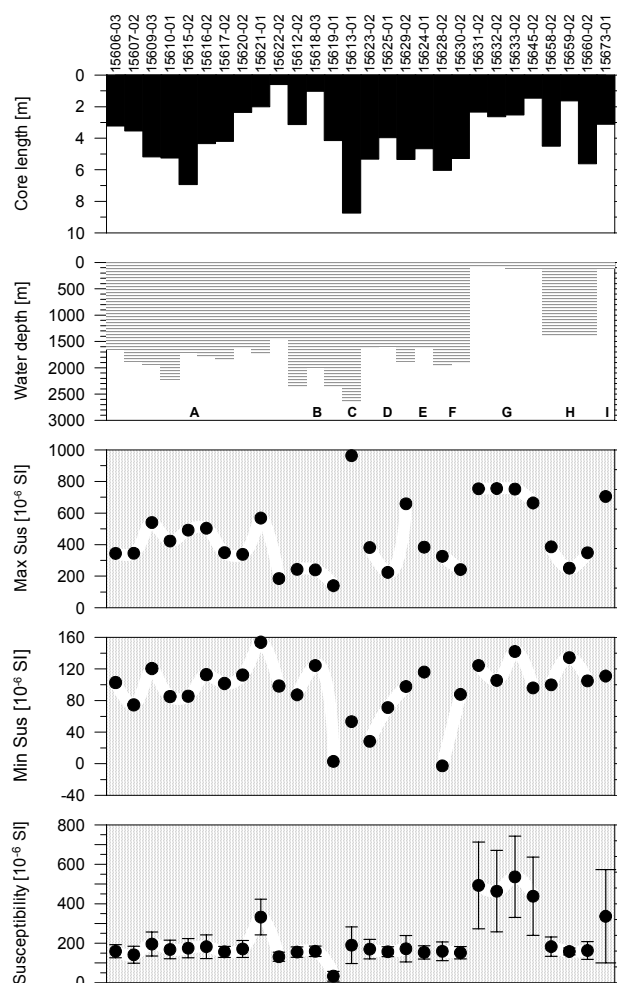
5.4.2 Sampling Sites and Recovery

28 sediment cores with a cumulative length of 109.11 m from stations between 41°50' and 42°50' N and 9 and 10° W at the Iberian continental margin were investigated in terms of their physical properties (Table 3). The coring locations comprise sediments from water depths between about 101 m (GeoB 15631-2) and 2639 m (GeoB 15613-1). Core lengths varied between 0.6 m (GeoB 15622-2) and 8.74 m (GeoB 15613-1).

5.4.3 Preliminary Results

The general characteristics of magnetic susceptibility are compiled in Figure 5.17. Dots mark the mean values for the individual cores, vertical error bars denote their standard deviations. Each diagram is divided into groups of spatially adjacent cores. Overall mean magnetic susceptibility (Fig. 5.17) is about $217 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI. The highest values of about almost $1000 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI are found in the sediments of core GeoB15613-1 from the lower channel of Ria Arosa, where as the highest variability (standard deviation) are found in the sediments of core GeoB15673-1 from the mud belt off Ria de Vigo. Lowest mean susceptibility ($33 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI) was determined for core GeoB15619-1 from a slide on the slope.

Fig. 5.17: Maximum, minimum and mean magnetic susceptibilities of cores GeoB 15606-3 through GeoB 15673-1 compared to variations in water depth at the sampling sites and core recovery. The vertical error bars denote standard deviations. Areas A through I are labelled according to Figure 5.18.



The heterogeneous sedimentary environment of the working area is reflected by missing general trends according to water depths or localities. Highest mean values (336 to $536 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI) were determined for near-shore sediments from shallow water depth at sites GeoB15631-2, 32-2, 33-2, 45-2 and 73-1. Only at location GeoB15621-1, located in a channel at $42.5^\circ\text{N}/9.6^\circ\text{W}$ in a water depth of 1740 m, a comparable high mean susceptibility of $333 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI was determined. All other sediments show mean susceptibility values of 100 to $200 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI, core GeoB15619-01 even a mean as low as $33 \cdot 10^{-6}$ SI.

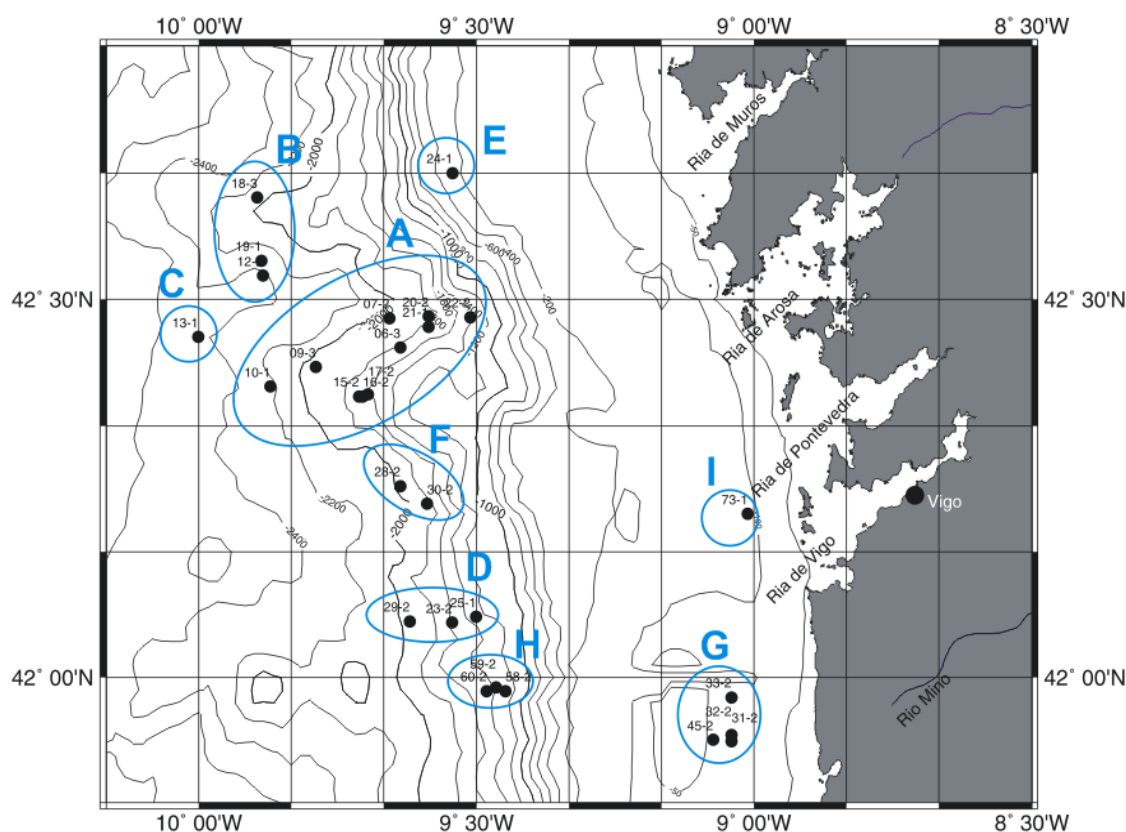


Fig. 5.18: Map of working area showing the locations of coring sites with magnetic susceptibility measured on board. Letters A through I indicate the grouping of the sediment cores as used in Figures 5.17 and 5.19.

According to the sampling sites we sub-divided all sediment cores in groups A through I (Fig. 5.17, 5.18). As an illustration for the different susceptibility patterns of the sediments, examples of each group are presented in Figure 5.19. As an example, Fig. 5.20 shows the electric resistivity profile of Rumohr core GeoB15662-1 as measured on board. Although the data may need further processing the record shows increasing values down-core indicating typically decreasing porosity with core depth. These data will be used for calibration purposes of the data collected with the electromagnetic profiler (see Chapter 5.3).

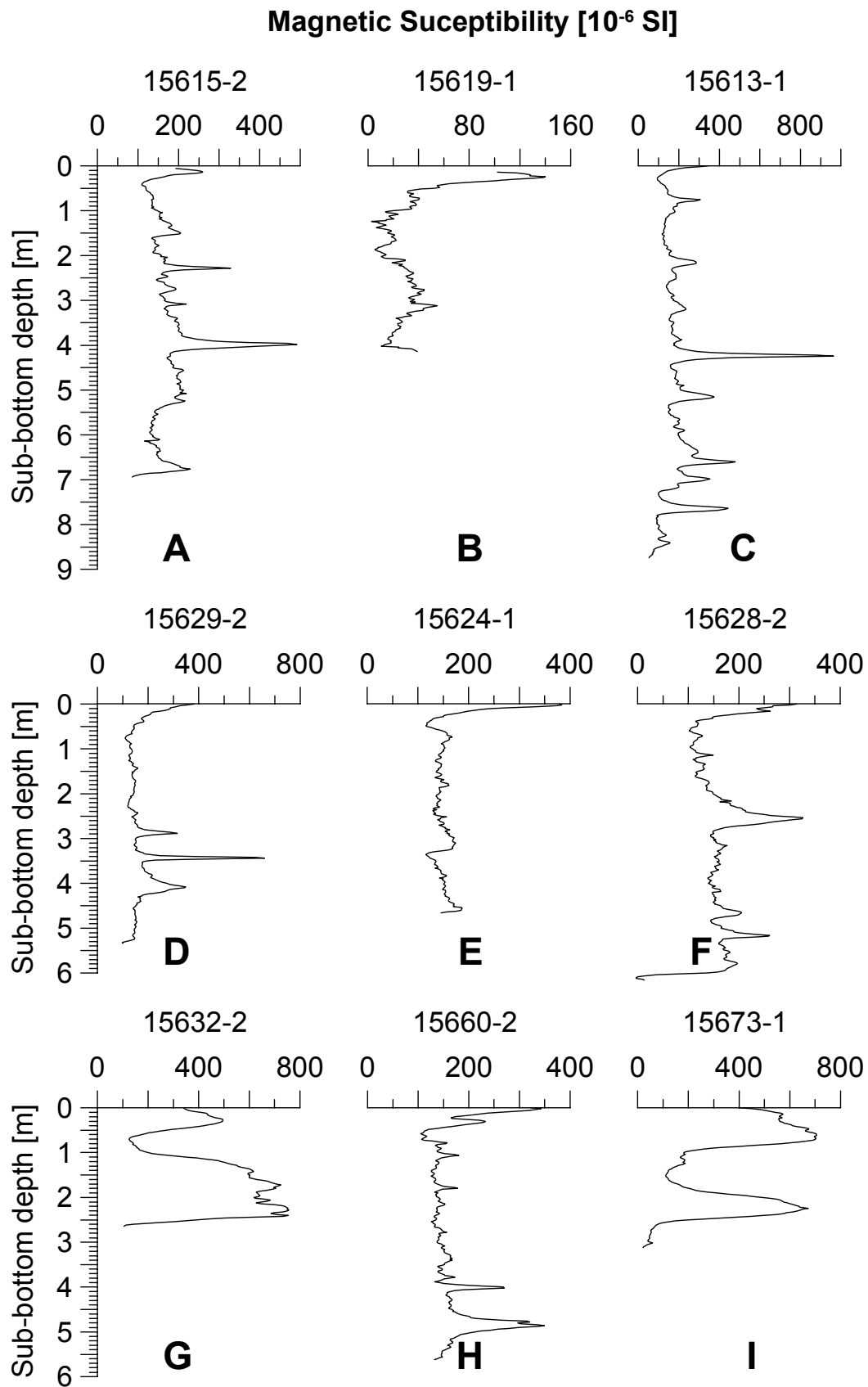


Fig. 5.19: Representative records of magnetic susceptibility for each group of sediment cores A through I (see also Figure 5.18).

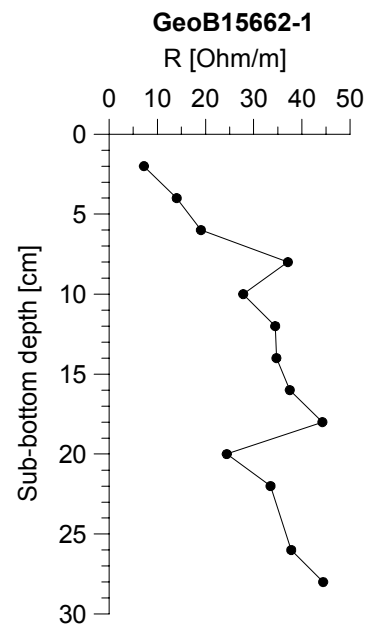


Fig. 5.20: Electric resistivity record of Rumohr core GeoB15662-1 as measured with Lippmann probe.

Table 3: Cores subject to physical properties measurements.

Core GeoB	Corer	Magnetic Suscept.	Electric Resist.	Core GeoB	Corer	Magnetic Suscept.	Electric Resist.
15606-03	Gravity	X		15661-01	Giant box		X
15607-02	Gravity	X		15662-01	Giant box		X
15609-03	Gravity	X		15663-02	Giant box		X
15610-01	Gravity	X		15664-01	Rumohr		X
15612-02	Gravity	X		15665-01	Rumohr		X
15613-01	Gravity	X		15666-01	Rumohr		X
15615-02	Gravity	X		15667-01	Rumohr		X
15616-02	Gravity	X		15668-01	Rumohr		X
15617-02	Gravity	X		15669-01	Rumohr		X
15618-03	Gravity	X		15670-01	Rumohr		X
15619-01	Gravity	X		15671-01	Rumohr		X
15620-02	Gravity	X		15672-01	Rumohr		X
15621-01	Gravity	X		15673-01	Gravity	X	
15622-02	Gravity	X		15673-02	Rumohr		X
15623-02	Gravity	X		15674-01	Rumohr		X
15624-01	Gravity	X		15675-01	Rumohr		X
15625-01	Gravity	X		15676-01	Rumohr		X
15628-02	Gravity	X		15677-01	Rumohr		X
15629-02	Gravity	X		15678-01	Rumohr		X
15630-02	Gravity	X		15679-01	Rumohr		X
15631-01	MUC		X	15680-01	Rumohr		X
15631-02	Gravity	X		15681-01	Rumohr		X
15632-01	MUC		X	15682-01	Rumohr		X
15632-02	Gravity	X		15683-01	Rumohr		X
15633-01	MUC		X	15684-01	Rumohr		X
15633-02	Gravity	X	X	15685-01	Rumohr		X
15634-01	Giant box		X	15686-01	Rumohr		X
15635-01	Giant box		X	15687-01	Rumohr		X
15639-01	MUC		X	15688-01	Rumohr		X
15640-01	MUC		X	15689-01	Rumohr		X
15641-01	MUC		X	15690-01	Rumohr		X
15642-01	MUC		X	15691-01	Rumohr		X
15643-01	MUC		X	15692-01	Rumohr		X
15644-01	MUC		X	15693-02	Rumohr		X
15645-01	MUC		X	15694-01	Rumohr		X
15645-02	Gravity	X		15695-01	Rumohr		X
15646-01	MUC		X	15696-01	Rumohr		X
15648-03	Rumohr		X	15697-01	Rumohr		X
15649-01	Rumohr		X	15698-01	Rumohr		X
15650-01	Rumohr		X	15699-01	Rumohr		X
15651-01	Rumohr		X	15801-01	Rumohr		X
15652-01	Rumohr		X	15802-01	Rumohr		X
15653-01	Rumohr		X	15803-01	Rumohr		X
15654-01	Rumohr		X	15804-02	Rumohr		X
15655-01	Rumohr		X	15805-01	Rumohr		X
15656-01	Rumohr		X	15806-01	Rumohr		X
15658-02	Gravity	X		15807-01	Rumohr		X
15659-02	Gravity	X		15808-01	Rumohr		X
15660-02	Gravity	X		15809-01	Rumohr		X

5.5 Sediment Surface Sampling and Shallow Coring

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5.5.1 Methods

During cruise M84/4 contrasting environmental settings have been targeted; on the one hand the current-influenced continental slope and interior basin with contourites, mass transport deposits, coarse-grained channel and canyon fills, and normal hemipelagic successions; and on the other hand the continental shelf with local mud depocenters, wave- and current-controlled sand covers, lee-side wedge-shaped sediment bodies, and ridge-and-trough systems were in the focus of the coring operations. Therefore, we have used a wide range of sampling tools.

Depending on the expected lithology at 105 of 110 stations either a Multicorer, a Giant Box Corer or a Rumohr Corer were deployed to recover the sediment surface and uppermost tens of centimeters in an as undisturbed as possible way (Fig. 5.21, A-C). In four cases we had to employ a Grab Sampler (Fig. 5.21, D) to obtain coarse surface sediments.

5.5.1.1 The Multicorer (MUC), *Multilot*

The MUC is designed to recover undisturbed surface sediments together with the supernatant bottom water. During M84/4 we employed a MUC equipped with eight large (10 cm in diameter) and 60-cm long transparent plastic tubes.

5.5.1.2 The Giant Box Corer (GBC), *Großkastengreifer*

The GBC, with a sampling area of 50 x 50 cm and a maximal penetration depth of 50 cm, was applied as a tool to provide an amount of surface material sufficiently enough for all involved research groups. The core recovery was variable due to the nature of the sampled material. After arriving on deck, the over-standing water was removed and the sediment surface was documented by visual description and photography. Then, liners were pressed in and surfaces samples were taken. Afterwards, the front wall was opened and the downcore profile was described, photographed and sampled. Finally, the liners were removed and safely stored.

5.5.1.3 The Rumohr Corer (RC), *Rumohrlot*

The RC is a small gravity corer with a simple plastic tube (100-cm long and 8 cm in diameter) and was deployed with a lead weight of 50 kg in top. The corer uses a tight-fitting lid closing the top of the coring tube during retrieval and thereby retaining the sediment core. With this device, likewise the MUC, it is possible to obtain an undisturbed sediment surface including the superna-

tant water and uppermost tens of centimeters, but with significantly longer core recovery. Another advantage against the MUC is also that sandy sediments can be easily obtained.

5.5.1.4 The Grab Sampler (GS), *Backengreifer*

A GS of the size 50 x 30 cm was used to collect a representative sample of the surface sediment, when the former coring devices did not work satisfactory due to the sediment properties. The bite of the sampler is about 20-cm deep providing a homogenized average sample. The closing mechanism prevents wash-out during retrieval, even when the sediments are exceptionally coarse-grained.

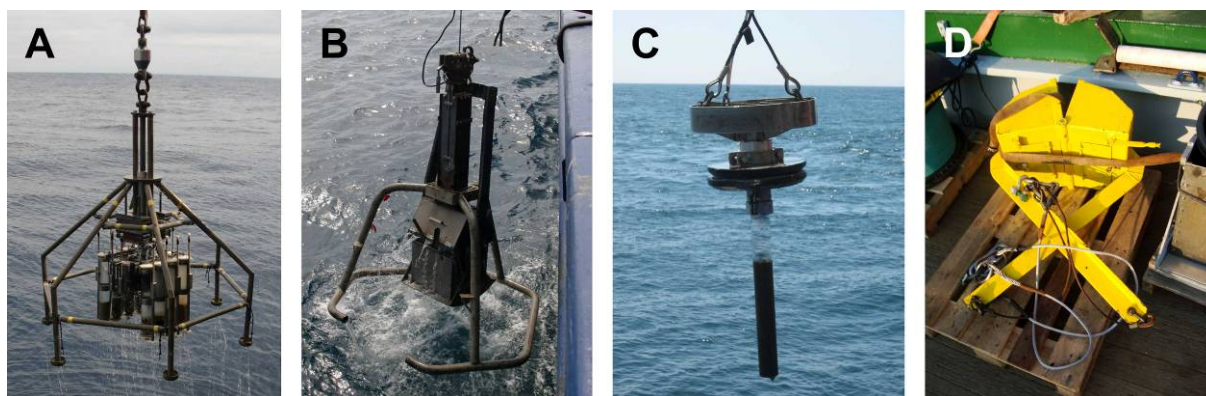


Fig. 5.21: Sediment surface sampling devices deployed during M84/4. A) Multicorer (MUC); B) Giant box corer (GBC); C) Rumohr corer (RC); D) Grab sampler (GS).

5.5.2 Material

5.5.2.1 Multicoring

The MUC was preferentially used at stations where we expected soft and cohesive, i.e., muddy sediments. At 24 stations we successfully retrieved the uppermost 10 to 41 cm with this device.

The general sampling scheme on deck was as follows:

Surface sediment (0 – 1 cm) from 1 tube was sampled for the investigation of coccolithophore assemblages;

Surface sediment (0 – 1 cm) from 1 tube was sampled for the investigation of foraminiferal assemblages (only at Stations GeoB 15631, GeoB 15632 and GeoB 15633);

1 tube was cut into 1 cm slices for sedimentological analyses;

1 tube was cut into 1 cm slices for proxy calibration for the CALIBERIA project (E. Salgueiro);

1 tube was frozen for biogeochemical analyses;

1 large tube was sampled with environmental magnetic cubes and slices every 2 cm, as well as measured for resistivity (every 2 cm) and temperature (every 10 cm); only at stations GeoB 15631, GeoB 15632, GeoB 15633, GeoB 15639, GeoB 15640, GeoB 15641, GeoB 15642, GeoB 15643, GeoB 15644, GeoB 15645 and GeoB 15646.

Table 4: MUC stations list

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15606-2	ME844/358	04.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	09:46	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,21' W	1656
15609-2	ME844/365	05.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	06:30	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1935
15610-2	ME844/368	05.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	12:54	42° 23,12' N	9° 52,26' W	2215
15613-2	ME844/375	07.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:20	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2639
15614-1	ME844/379	10.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	04:26	42° 23,08' N	9° 36,64' W	1029
15615-1	ME844/380	10.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	06:41	42° 22,23' N	9° 42,70' W	1709
15618-2	ME844/388	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	00:10	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,66' W	2000
15619-2	ME844/391	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	07:41	42° 33,08' N	9° 53,21' W	2359
15620-1	ME844/392	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	11:07	42° 28,66' N	9° 35,16' W	1625
15621-2	ME844/395	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	16:51	42° 27,88' N	9° 35,19' W	1742
15622-1	ME844/396	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	18:50	42° 28,61' N	9° 30,64' W	1472
15627-1	ME844/406	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	05:11	42° 15,49' N	9° 35,64' W	1903
15628-1	ME844/407	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	07:20	42° 15,21' N	9° 38,20' W	1961
15629-1	ME844/408	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	09:19	42° 14,47' N	9° 37,20' W	1885
15631-1	ME844/415	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:13	41° 54,90' N	9° 02,42' W	102
15632-1	ME844/416	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:40	41° 55,40' N	9° 02,42' W	103
15633-1	ME844/417	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	14:23	41° 58,41' N	9° 02,43' W	110
15639-1	ME844/435	18.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	22:11	42° 07,01' N	9° 05,46' W	135
15640-1	ME844/436	18.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	23:08	42° 07,00' N	9° 04,07' W	132
15641-1	ME844/437	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	00:08	42° 07,00' N	9° 02,67' W	128
15642-1	ME844/438	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	01:08	42° 07,00' N	8° 59,71' W	110
15643-1	ME844/439	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	02:12	42° 07,00' N	8° 58,81' W	105
15644-1	ME844/440	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	03:47	41° 55,01' N	9° 00,00' W	87
15645-1	ME844/441	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	04:30	41° 55,01' N	9° 04,01' W	117
15646-1	ME844/442	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	05:15	41° 55,00' N	9° 06,01' W	122

5.5.2.2 Giant Box Coring:

At 25 stations, where sandy sediments were either expected or where a larger amount of sediment material was needed, we deployed the GBC. Recovery with the GBC was ranging from 10 cm to 46 cm. After detailed visual description and photographic documentation of the sediment surface, the sampling scheme for GBC material was as follows:

10 x 10 cm sample of the surface sediment (0 – 1 cm) for sedimentological analyses;

5 x 5 cm sample of the surface sediment (0 – 1 cm) for the investigation of coccolithophoride assemblages;

20 x 20 cm sample of the surface sediment (0 – 1 cm) for proxy calibration analyses of the CALIBERIA project (E. Salgueiro);

1 large (Ø 12 cm) core for sedimentological analyses;

1 large (Ø 12 cm) core for archive purposes;

1 small (Ø 8 cm) core and a cube of the surface sediment (0 – 2 cm) for environmental magnetic; only at stations GeoB 15634 (cube sample only), GeoB 15661, GeoB 15662 and GeoB 15663.

Table 5: Giant Box Corer stations

GeoB No	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15601-1	ME844/351	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	7:48	42° 05,39' N	9° 24,82' W	867
15602-1	ME844/352	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	09:03	42° 05,19' N	9° 26,38' W	1092
15603-1	ME844/353	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	10:33	42° 04,89' N	9° 28,60' W	1426
15604-1	ME844/354	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	12:18	42° 04,79' N	9° 30,01' W	1598
15605-1	ME844/356	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	06:27	42° 30,58' N	9° 30,45' W	1524
15607-1	ME844/360	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	13:54	42° 28,53' N	9° 39,39' W	1883
15608-1	ME844/362	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:00	42° 30,20' N	9° 40,23' W	2043
15611-1	ME844/369	05.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	16:01	42° 32,28' N	9° 53,12' W	2420
15612-1	ME844/370	05.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:11	42° 31,87' N	9° 53,08' W	2359
15614-2	ME844/386	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:53	42° 23,08' N	9° 36,63' W	1028
15616-1	ME844/381	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	08:34	42° 22,34' N	9° 42,31' W	1792
15617-1	ME844/382	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	10:22	42° 22,49' N	9° 41,72' W	1860
15623-1	ME844/399	12.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	09:30	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,65' W	1617
15630-1	ME844/409	14.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	11:45	42° 13,81' N	9° 35,35' W	1891
15634-1	ME844/430	18.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:41	42° 06,99' N	9° 16,74' W	179
15635-1	ME844/431	18.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	19:42	42° 06,97' N	9° 11,80' W	160
15623-4	ME844/462	19.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	19:40	42° 04,34' N	9° 32,69' W	1616
15624-2	ME844/463	19.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	21:11	42° 03,94' N	9° 32,66' W	1636
15657-1	ME844/466	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	05:08	41°59,177' N	9° 25,649' W	1327
15658-1	ME844/467	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	06:36	41°58,731' N	9° 26,660' W	1389
15659-1	ME844/468	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	08:17	41°59,200' N	9° 27,927' W	1406
15660-1	ME844/470	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	11:21	41°58,980' N	9° 28,681' W	1402
15661-1	ME844/479	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	12:40	42°20,248' N	9° 12,022' W	145
15662-1	ME844/480	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	13:22	42°21,267' N	9° 12,403' W	150
15663-2	ME844/484	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	17:52	42°30,224' N	9° 15,711' W	126

5.5.2.3 Rumohr Coring

For soft and cohesive sediments on the shelf in water depths shallower 350 m we deployed the RC. With the RC we successfully retrieved undisturbed surface sediments including the supernatant bottom water as well as the uppermost 15 to 75 cm, in total at 60 stations. In generally each RC was sampled on one halve in 2-cm slices for environmental magnetic analyses, also includ-

ing environmental magnetic cube samples every 2 cm; the other halve was sampled in 1-cm slices for sedimentological analyses (Fig. 5.22, A). At stations GeoB 15671 to 15680, GeoB 15683 and GeoB 15687 (Galicia mud belt) syringe samples from the sedimentology sampling halve of the cores were taken every 5 cm for density calculations (Fig. 5.22, B).

For the CALIBERIA project Cores GeoB 15648-2 and GeoB 15656-2 were collected and sampled for every 1 cm. The latter was shared: one half was sampled in 1-centimeter slices for the CALIBERIA project, and the environmental magnetics (cube samples every 2 cm) and geology/sedimentology (1-cm slice) groups of MARUM sampled the other half.

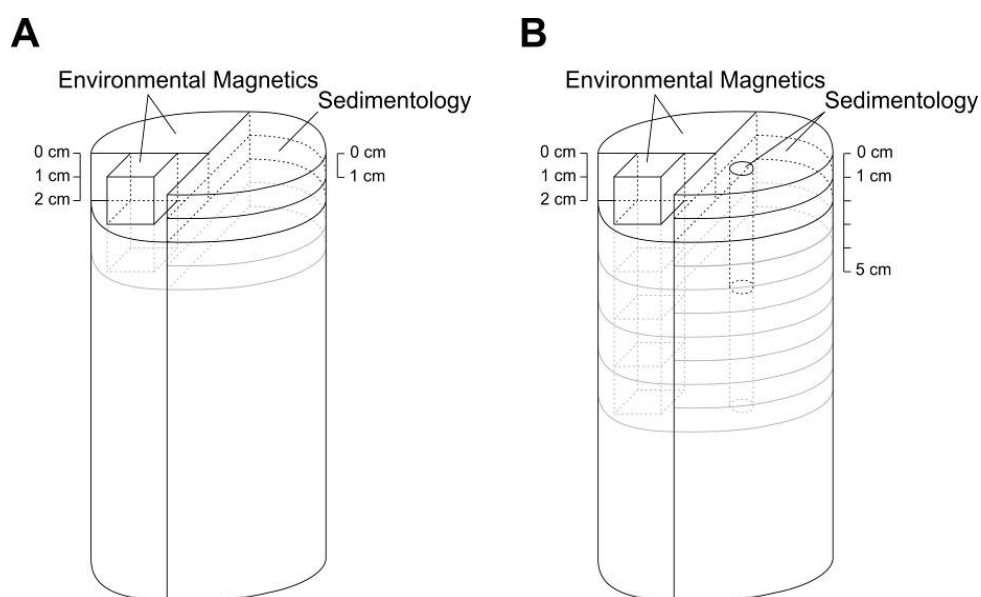


Fig. 5.22: A) General sampling scheme for Rumohr cores. B) Including a syringe sample every 5 cm.

Table 6: Rumohr Corer stations

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15648-1	ME844/447	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:03	42°07,011' N	9° 01,494' W	115
15648-2	ME844/448	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:29	42°07,012' N	9° 01,495' W	115
15648-3	ME844/449	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:43	42°07,014' N	9° 01,493' W	116
15649-1	ME844/450	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	11:25	42°07,00' N	9° 03,43' W	126
15650-1	ME844/451	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:15	42°06,999' N	9° 04,386' W	129
15651-1	ME844/452	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:58	42°07,00' N	9° 05,96' W	135
15652-1	ME844/453	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	13:35	42°07,00' N	9° 07,05' W	138
15653-2	ME844/455	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	14:47	42°07,01' N	9° 08,54' W	144
15654-1	ME844/456	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:21	42°07,00' N	9° 10,55' W	149
15654-2	ME844/457	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:35	42°07,004' N	9° 10,556' W	149
15655-1	ME844/458	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	16:08	42°07,007' N	9° 12,229' W	160
15656-2	ME844/460	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:30	42°06,991' N	9° 20,002' W	220

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Ab- breviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
15664-1	ME844/488	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:12	42°04,255' N	9° 08,800' W	139
15665-1	ME844/489	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:53	42°04,255' N	9° 06,245' W	132
15666-1	ME844/490	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	08:27	42°04,249' N	9° 04,673' W	130
15667-1	ME844/491	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	08:55	42°04,253' N	9° 04,456' W	129
15668-1	ME844/492	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	09:27	42°04,231' N	9° 03,887' W	126
15669-1	ME844/493	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	09:58	42°04,255' N	9° 03,630' W	125
15670-1	ME844/494	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:36	42°04,24' N	9° 02,889' W	122
15671-1	ME844/495	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	11:21	42°04,244' N	9° 00,176' W	104
15672-1	ME844/496	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:13	42°09,997' N	8° 59,028' W	102
15673-2	ME844/499	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	14:18	42°12,998' N	9° 00,680' W	112
15674-1	ME844/500	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:00	42°15,990' N	8° 58,864' W	95
15675-1	ME844/501	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:34	42°16004' N	9° 02,290' W	116
15675-2	ME844/502	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:49	42°16,004' N	9° 02,290' W	117
15676-1	ME844/503	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	16:18	42°15,998' N	9° 04,277' W	123
15677-1	ME844/504	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:05	42°19,012' N	9° 00,033' W	95
15678-1	ME844/505	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:41	42°18,993' N	9° 01,486' W	106
15679-1	ME844/506	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	18:18	42°20,334' N	9° 02,920' W	112
15680-1	ME844/507	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	19:05	42°19,007' N	9° 07,002' W	135
15681-1	ME844/508	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	19:45	42°18,524' N	9° 09,999' W	143
15682-1	ME844/509	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	20:15	42°18,798' N	9° 10,457' W	145
15683-1	ME844/510	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	21:13	42°20,840' N	9° 09,041' W	138
15684-1	ME844/511	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	22:18	42°27,689' N	9° 06,512' W	97
15685-1	ME844/512	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	23:30	42°28,303' N	9° 10,502' W	114
15686-1	ME844/513	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	23:59	42°28,849' N	9° 10,500' W	109
15687-1	ME844/514	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	00:25	42°29,297' N	9° 10,502' W	100
15688-1	ME844/515	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	01:59	42°24,641' N	9° 21,000' W	328
15689-1	ME844/516	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	02:53	42°27,099' N	9° 21,005' W	300
15690-1	ME844/517	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	03:32	42°27,633' N	9° 19,711' W	251
15691-1	ME844/518	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	04:12	42°26,862' N	9° 19,715' W	275
15692-1	ME844/519	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	04:55	42°26,332' N	9° 21,002' W	324
15693-1	ME844/520	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	05:30	42°25,700' N	9° 21,841' W	220
15693-2	ME844/521	24.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	05:55	42°25,700' N	9° 21,840' W	350
15694-1	ME844/536	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	20:10	42°29,13' N	9° 15,330' W	134
15695-1	ME844/537	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	20:43	42°28,508' N	9° 15,073' W	139
15696-1	ME844/538	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	21:09	42°28,226' N	9° 14,991' W	136
15697-1	ME844/539	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	21:46	42°27,098' N	9° 14,588' W	144
15698-1	ME844/540	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	22:30	42°26,41' N	9° 14,310' W	150
15699-1	ME844/541	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	23:19	42°24,576' N	9° 13,636' W	148
15801-1	ME844/542	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	00:01	42°24,221' N	9° 13,507' W	152
15802-1	ME844/543	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	00:50	42°22,622' N	9° 12,918' W	153
15803-1	ME844/544	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	01:42	42°19,921' N	9° 11,933' W	151
15804-1	ME844/545	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	02:36	42°15,207' N	9° 12,550' W	159
15804-2	ME844/546	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	02:51	42°15,208' N	9° 12,551' W	160
15805-1	ME844/547	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	03:25	42°13,297' N	9° 12,824' W	170
15806-1	ME844/548	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	04:26	42°06,452' N	9° 13,779' W	159
15807-1	ME844/549	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	05:22	42°00,572' N	9° 14,599' W	147
15808-1	ME844/550	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:02	42°10,01' N	9° 09,850' W	147
15809-1	ME844/551	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:41	42° 10,02' N	9° 13,040' W	170

5.5.2.4 Grab Sampling

The GS was deployed at 4 stations only to obtain material from difficult-to-core locations.

Table 7: Grab Sampler stations

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Ab-breviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15636-1	ME844/432	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	20:36	42° 06,99' N	9° 09,35' W	147
15637-1	ME844/433	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	21:07	42° 07,01' N	9° 07,96' W	143
15638-1	ME844/434	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	21:36	42° 07,01' N	9° 06,85' W	141
15687-2	ME844/526	24.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	10:23	42°29,311' N	9° 10,502' W	100

5.6 Sediment Coring

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5.6.1 Methods

During cruise M84/4 contrasting environmental settings have been targeted, although adjacently located to each other. The current-dominated coarse-grained continental shelf, locally protected mud deposits in shallow waters, the like-wise current-controlled upper to lower portions of the continental slope (canyon systems, gravity mass movement, contourites), and hemipelagic muds from the continental rise were cored during operations. Therefore, we have used two sampling tools for deeper sediment penetration:

5.6.1.1 The Gravity Corer (GC), *Schwerelot*

During the M84/4 cruise, 40 sediment cores were recovered using a Gravity Corer with station-individual lengths of 3, 6, or 12, respectively (Tab. 8). The top weight was a bit less than 1.5 tons. In some cases we have supported the core catcher with plastic film as an attempt to prevent the loss of sandy material in the water column. The gravity corer was deployed in the deep sea during the first leg of this cruise and on the shelf where the sediments were fine enough to allow gravity-driven penetration (mud depocenters).

5.6.1.2 The Vibrocorer (VC), *Vibrolot*

A VKG-5 Vibrocorer (VC) was of essential use to obtain sub-bottom samples from coarse-grained shelf areas. The VC owned by MARUM/Senckenberg has a maximum core length of

504 cm and a diameter of 10 cm. Deployed with a 300-m long electricity cable, which is run parallel to the wire by hand, coring in a maximum water depth of 220 m is possible during calm weather conditions.

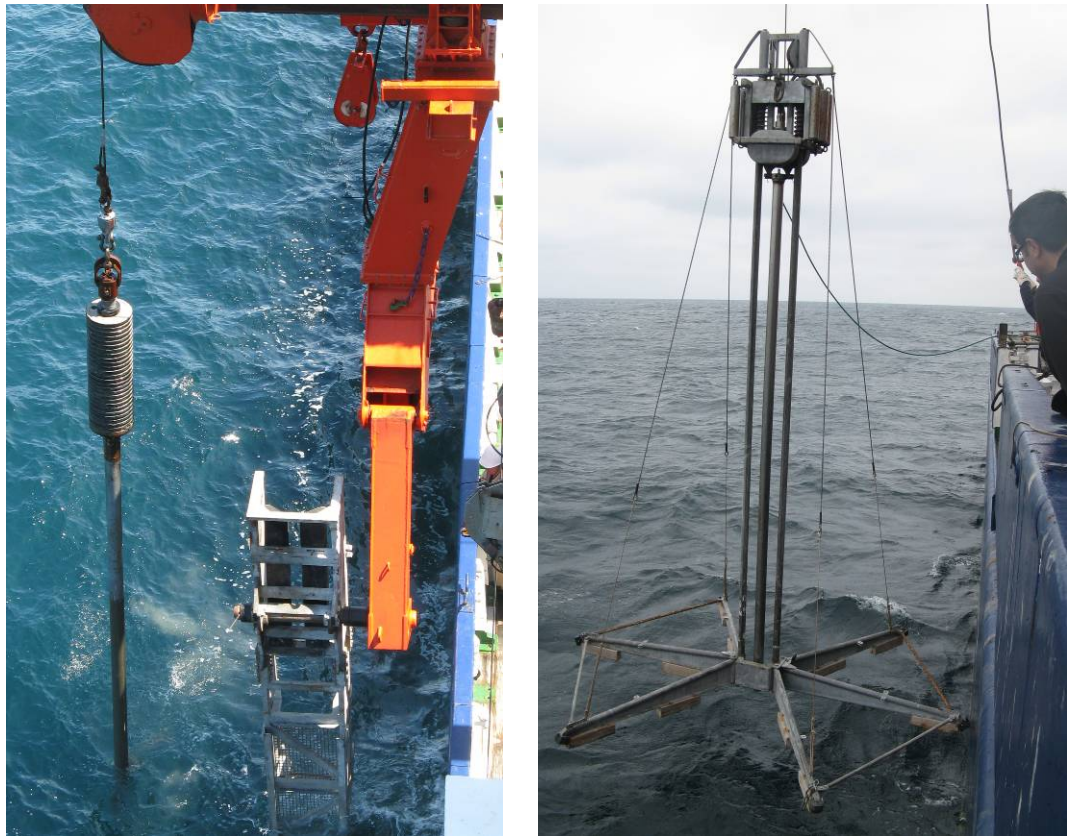


Fig. 5.23: The Gravity corer (left) and the Vibrocorer (right).

5.6.2 Material

5.6.2.1 Gravity Coring

We have deployed the Gravity Corer at 40 stations. Of these, 28 were located on the continental slope (e.g., inside gullies, in locally confined depocenters on the slope foot, at contourite deposits) and in the open interior basin (e.g., hemipelagic to contouritic deposits, distal channel bases, mass-transported deposits). The other 12 gravity cores were taken on the continental shelf around 100 m water depth (mid-shelf mud depocenters).

After retrieval, the core liners were cut into 1-m long sections, closed with caps and labelled according to the general GeoB scheme. Afterwards the cores were cut down-core into two halves; one half containing the *Work* and the other the *Archive* material.

Each core was documented by a detailed lithological core description and core photography. Colours were identified following MUNSELL soil colour chart. Special efforts were made for a

detailed description of deposits with a significant internal structure inventory, such as resulting from gravity-driven processes.

Tab. 8: List of GRAVITY CORER stations.

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15606-3	ME844/359	04.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:44	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,21' W	1655
15607-2	ME844/361	04.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:48	42° 28,53' N	9° 39,39' W	1883
15609-3	ME844/366	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	08:37	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1935
15610-1	ME844/367	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	10:58	42° 23,12' N	9° 52,26' W	2214
15611-2	ME844/373	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	07:49	42° 32,27' N	9° 53,10' W	2415
15612-2	ME844/371	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	20:37	42° 31,88' N	9° 53,09' W	2359
15613-1	ME844/374	07.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	11:06	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2639
15615-2	ME844/385	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	16:34	42° 22,22' N	9° 42,70' W	1708
15616-2	ME844/384	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	14:36	42° 22,34' N	9° 42,31' W	1794
15617-2	ME844/383	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	12:25	42° 22,49' N	9° 41,72' W	1859
15618-3	ME844/389	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	02:30	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,66' W	2000
15619-1	ME844/390	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	05:32	42° 33,08' N	9° 53,21' W	2356
15620-2	ME844/393	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	13:02	42° 28,66' N	9° 35,16' W	1625
15621-1	ME844/394	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:01	42° 27,86' N	9° 35,18' W	1740
15622-2	ME844/397	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	21:04	42° 28,61' N	9° 30,64' W	1471
15623-2	ME844/400	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:21	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,65' W	1619
15624-1	ME844/401	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:14	42° 03,97' N	9° 32,58' W	1639
15625-1	ME844/402	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	14:58	42° 04,81' N	9° 30,02' W	1598
15626-1	ME844/403	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	16:37	42° 05,20' N	9° 26,39' W	1089
15628-2	ME844/412	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	17:58	42° 15,21' N	9° 38,20' W	1965
15629-2	ME844/407	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:48	42° 14,47' N	9° 37,19' W	1885
15630-2	ME844/410	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:43	42° 13,81' N	9° 35,35' W	1891
15631-2	ME844/420	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	16:26	41° 54,91' N	9° 02,42' W	101
15632-2	ME844/419	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	15:52	41° 55,41' N	9° 02,42' W	103
15633-2	ME844/418	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	15:03	41° 58,41' N	9° 02,43' W	109
15644-2	ME844/445	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	07:38	41° 55,02' N	9° 00,01' W	83
15645-2	ME844/444	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	06:48	41° 55,01' N	9° 04,00' W	116
15646-2	ME844/443	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	06:05	41° 55,00' N	9° 06,01' W	122
15657-2	ME844/474	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	18:27	41°59,198' N	9° 25,629' W	1327
15657-3	ME844/475	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-2.5	19:51	41°59,200' N	9° 25,629' W	1326
15658-2	ME844/473	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	16:45	41°58,726' N	9° 26,650' W	1393
15659-2	ME844/472	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:05	41°59,184' N	9° 27,916' W	1406
15660-2	ME844/471	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	13:00	41°58,980' N	9° 28,681' W	1402
15672-2	ME844/497	23.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	12:48	42°09,998' N	8° 59,027' W	103
15673-1	ME844/498	23.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:44	42°12,998' N	9° 00,679' W	111
15679-2	ME844/554	27.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:59	42°20,33' N	9° 02,920' W	112
15685-2	ME844/524	24.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	09:11	42°28,32' N	9° 10,510' W	114
15686-2	ME844/525	24.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	09:40	42°28,86' N	9° 10,500' W	111
15687-3	ME844/527	24.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	10:46	42°29,310' N	9° 10,501' W	100
15688-2	ME844/522	24.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	07:10	42°24,651' N	9° 21,008' W	326

From the working half, 2 series of syringe samples (10 cc) were taken in 10-cm steps for sedimentological, palaeoceanographic and geochemical purposes. This scheme was not followed in some cases to avoid a blind and destructive sampling of horizons (such as turbiditic beds) that are of significance in terms of understanding their formation process are for the associated MA-RUM projects.

5.6.2.2 Vibro Coring

During the cruise M84/4, we took 8 sediment cores with the Vibrocorer from water depths between 101 and 151 m (Tab. 9). We mainly targeted local sandy depocenters on the mid to outer continental shelf as well as special structures such as ridge-like elements on the outer shelf to receive material from the active (?) sediment transport routes. The corer worked well and most of these cores came to the maximum recovery of about 500 cm.

Once a core was back on deck, the plastic liners were cut into 1-m long sections, closed with caps and labelled according the scheme generally applied to GeoB cores. We did not further work on these sections (no opening during the cruise) to prevent further disturbance of this generally coarse-grained, well sorted and un-cohesive material.

Table 9: List of VIBROCORDER stations.

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15661-2	ME844/482	21.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	15:24	42°20,244' N	9° 12,025' W	146
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15683-3	ME844/530	24.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	07:58	42°20,845' N	9° 09,014' W	138
15684-2	ME844/531	24.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	09:16	42°27,719' N	9° 06,545' W	98
15685-3	ME844/534	24.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	12:22	42°28,303' N	9° 10,501' W	114
15686-3	ME844/533	24.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	11:19	42°28,851' N	9° 10,496' W	111
15687-4	ME844/532	24.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	10:30	42°29,302' N	9° 10,503' W	101

5.6.3 Preliminary Results

The sediment cores are widely distributed over in the entire working area and cover, thus, nearly all attractive localities which should provide important information on sediment transport, distribution and depositional processes.

5.6.3.1 The Western Interior Basin

Most cores taken in the low-gradient basin show the same stratigraphic succession with little variations. The Holocene is characterized by pale sediments of minor thickness (few tens of centimeters only) with a sharp boundary at the base. The Late Pleistocene unit is much darker and

homogenous due to a high grade of bioturbation. Commonly, Heinrich 1a can nicely be recognized in 1 to 2 m core depth since it appears as a defined, sharply bounded brown layer. All of these cores seem to go stratigraphically back into MIS 3 or maybe MIS 4. As an exception, one core seems to go back into MIS 5 (!), according to the pale sediment colours in its deepest section. The only differences between these cores are sedimentation rates which seem to vary slightly during different time intervals. The current control on deposition, as it is frequently found in the acoustic profiles (see Chapter 5.2) cannot deduce from these sediments at a first glance.

The newly discovered channel system in the Northwest of the working area (cp. Fig. 5.1) seems to represent a sharp boundary in the oceanographic and sedimentary basin system. Whilst the deposits south of the channel display the “normal” hemipelagic (slightly contouritic?) basin fill, nearly no such deposits are found on the rapidly rising seafloor north of the channel. Rather, mass-transport deposits predominate here, mainly in the form of debritic slump material. The thalweg of the channel is sandy (and thus difficult to core), and these clean sands are (at least partly) composed of a spectacular mixture of black glauconite shelf material and white benthic foraminiferal material. Thus, a long-distance transport of sand into the basin is documented.

5.6.3.2 The Galician Continental Slope

The morphology of the slope off Galicia shows a highly diverse structuring (see Chapter 5.2). According to the expected wide spectrum of sediment transport, sorting and depositional processes, the sediment cores record a large variety of sedimentary facies. Cores from normal stratified deposits, for instance from local basins and topographic terraces, commonly contain the same undisturbed stratigraphic succession as we found as typical basin succession.

Inside the gullies, which are expected to serve as conduits for sediments which cross the shelf break, the sedimentary facies are much more diverse with sandy intercalations and partly mass-transported deposits. Nevertheless, each of these gullies seems to have its own dynamics concerning the material transported, the mode of downslope transport and the time of activity. The gully heads seem to be rather sandy and coring was less successful than expected. However with the great core coverage of three individual and independent gullies as well as of the major channel system in the North performed during this cruise, we will be able to reconstruct the role of the gullies in each part of the study area with regard to sediment export pathways from the shelf into the deeper basin.

Sediment cores taken from the contourite body, as a very remarkable feature in the middle of the working area, suggest again the same hemipelagic succession as found in the basin. Therefore, it is not obvious at what time a contouritic regime has lead to the accumulation of this prominent feature. The moat contains partly slumped material and we obtained only a few pieces

of real rock material from the neighbouring steeply elevating mount. Both of these findings clearly indicate how intensive the currents interact with this obstacle.























5.6.3.3 The Galician Continental Shelf

Cores from the shelf show the expected large variety of sedimentary facies. On the outer shelf, fine sands dominate and contain the well known high amount of glauconite. The sediment “waves” in the middle part of the working area seem to be relict features, not modern sand waves, which are slightly and partly draped by a young sediment cover only. In mid-shelf position, a number of newly discovered locally confined depocenters have been cored with the Vibrocorer but detailed information is not yet available since these cores have not been opened on board. Cores from the mid-shelf mudbelt are, as expected, very homogenous and fine grained and show often a fining-upward trend.

































Detailed core descriptions and physical properties

LEGEND:

Lithology

	Sediment loss
	Clay
	Silty clay
	Mud
	Silty mud
	Sandy mud
	Silt
	Clayey silt
	Muddy silt
	Sandy silt
	Sand
	Clayey sand
	Muddy sand
	Silty sand
	Gravelly sand
	Gravel
	Shell-fragment gravel
	Shell-fragment and siliceous gravel
	Sandy matrix
	Muddy matrix
	Overconsolidated deposits / palaeosol
	Cemented clasts / debris

Structures

	Sharp boundary
	Faint / gradual boundary
	Angled / deformed boundary
	Bioturbated boundary
	Weakly bioturbated
	Moderately bioturbated
	Strongly bioturbated
	Fining-upwards
	Quartz grains
	Rock / rock fragment
	Concretion / zementation
	Glauccony
	Mud lens / mud clast
	Sand lens
	Slump structure
	Water escape structure
	Ripple bedding
	Laminated bedding
	Single prominent burrow
	Gastropod / fragment
	Prominent bivalve shell / fragment
	Complete bivalve
	Mollusc shell / fragment
	Scaphopod / fragment
	Coral
	Echinoderm fragments
	Bryozoan
	Serpulid
	Pteropod
	Foraminifers
	Root / plant debris
	Organic / monosulfide spot

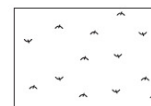
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gravel



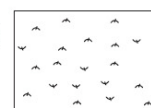
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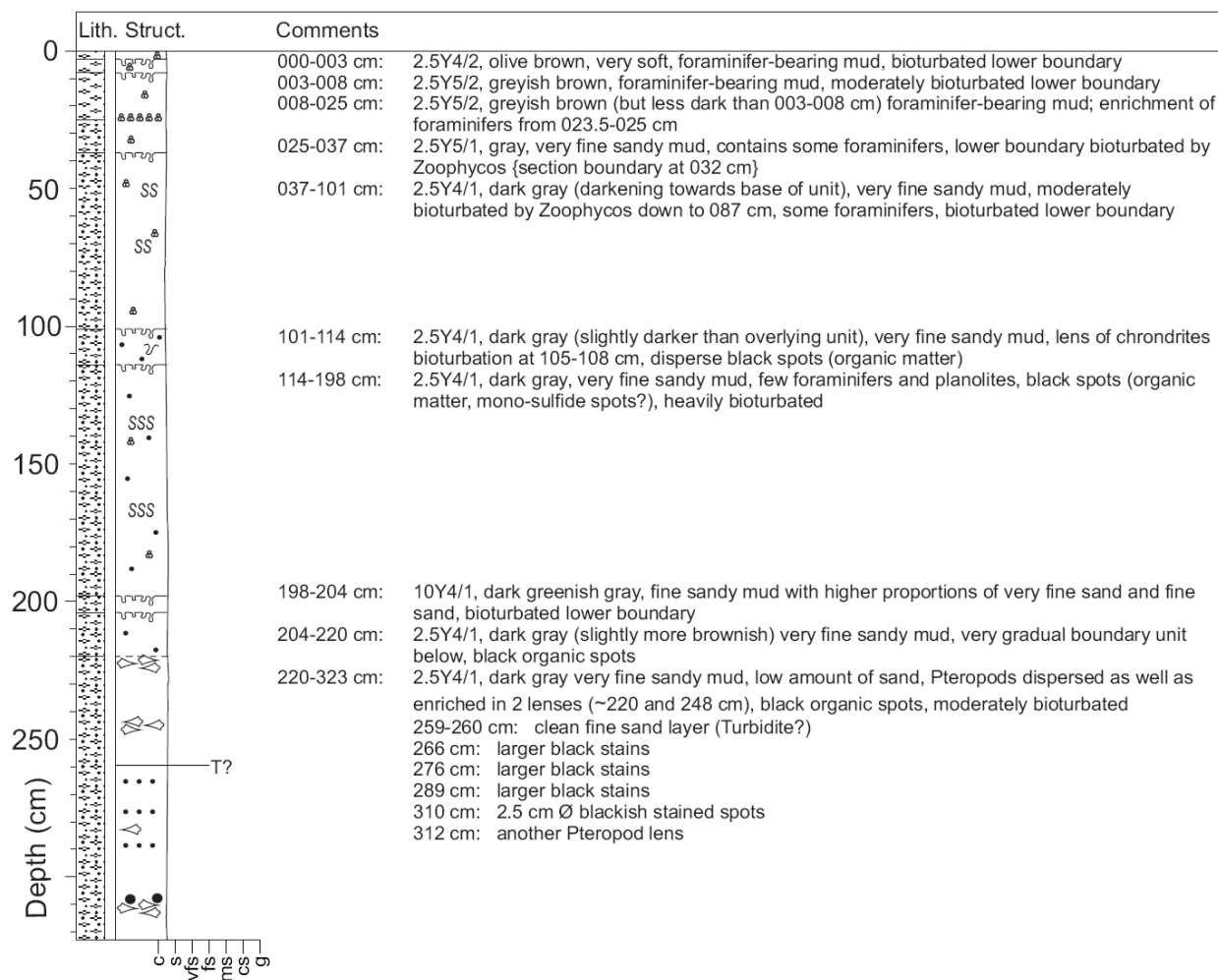


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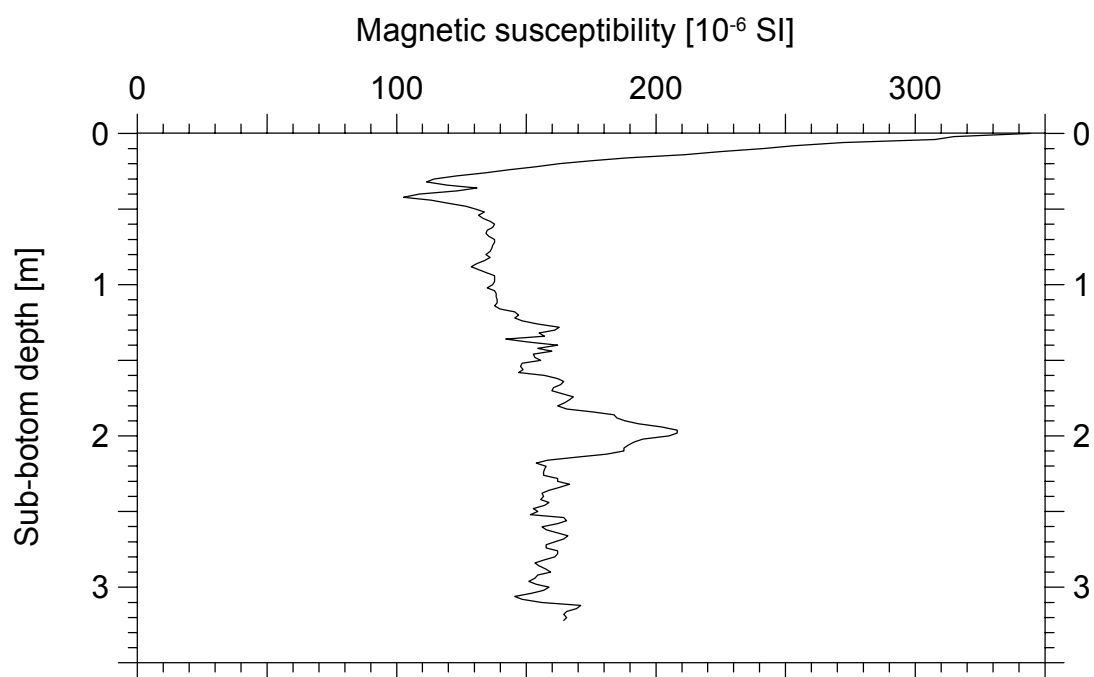
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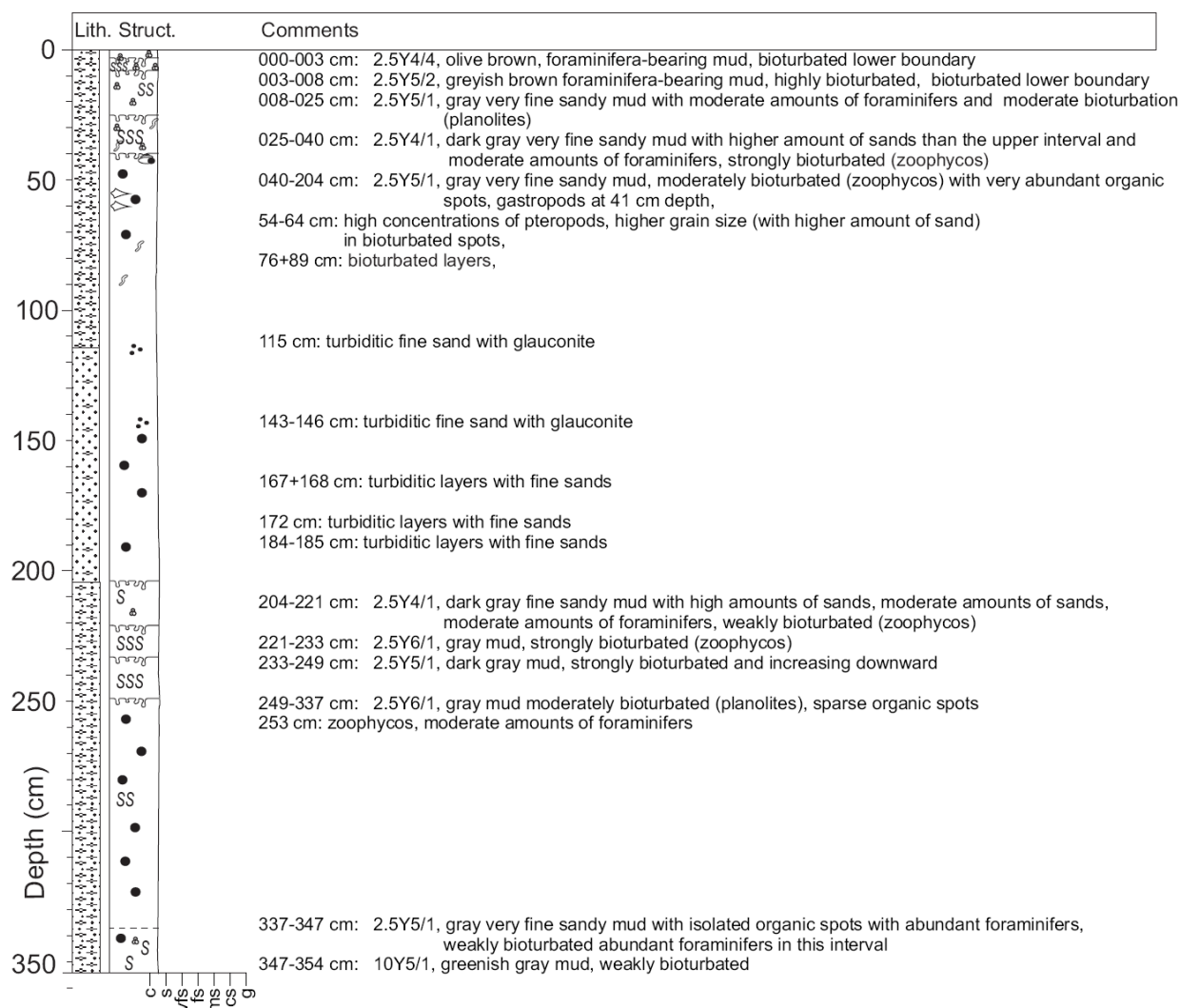
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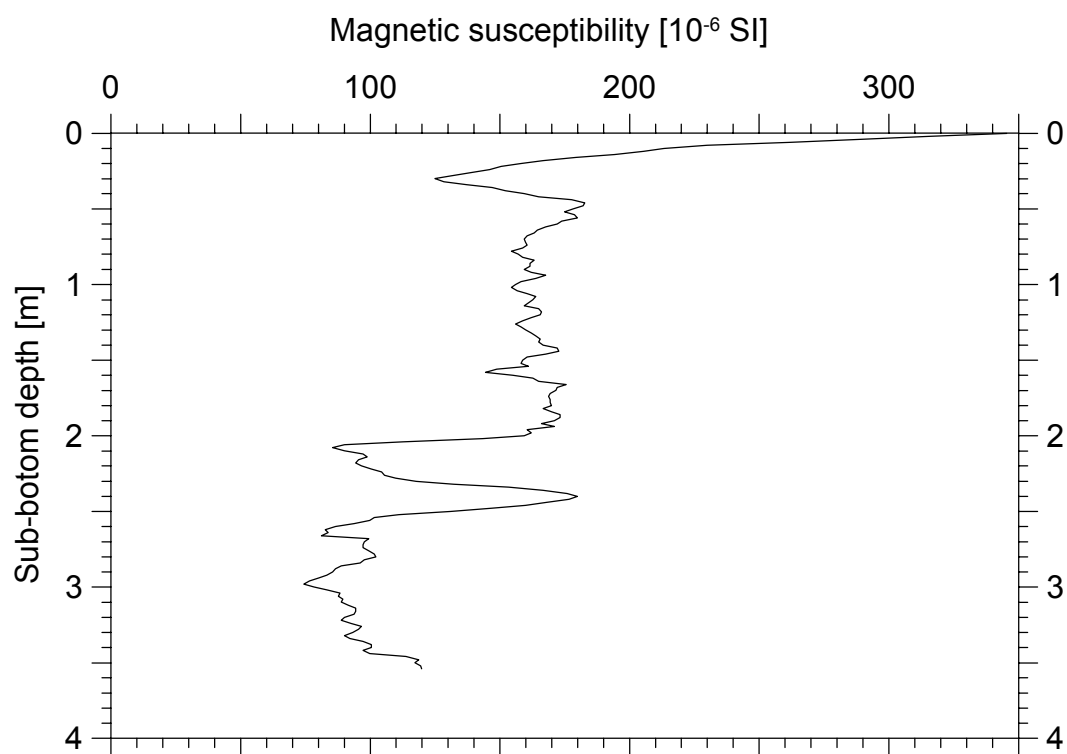


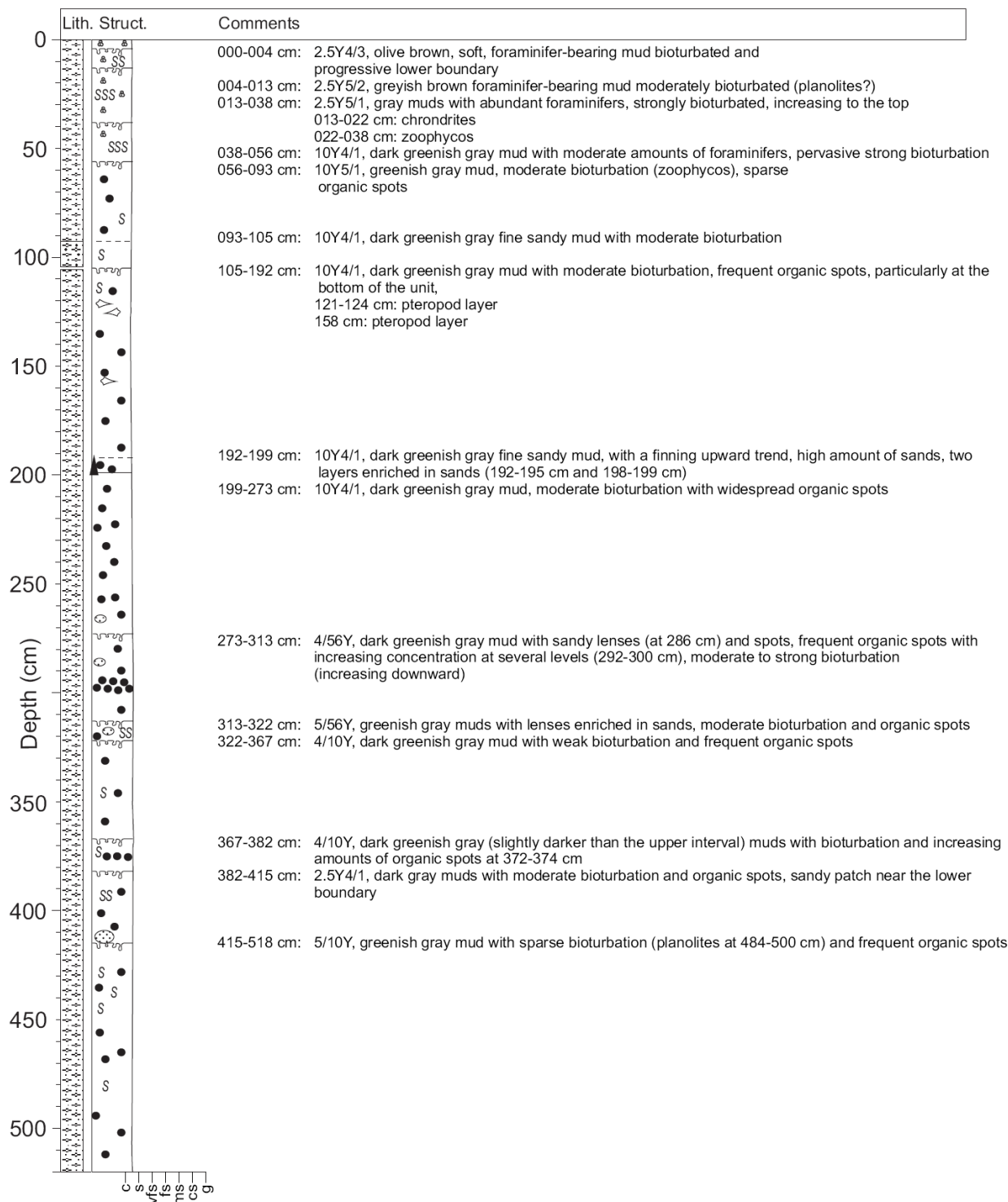
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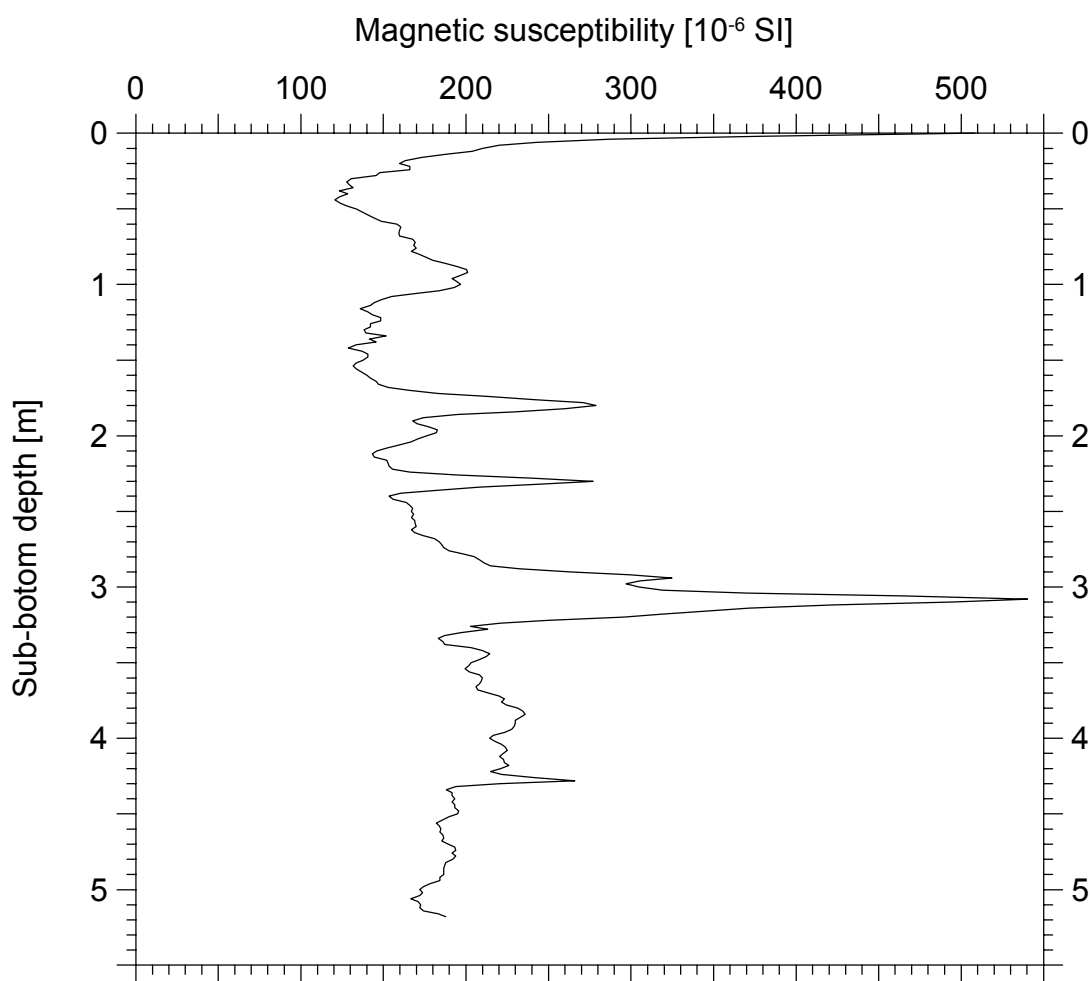
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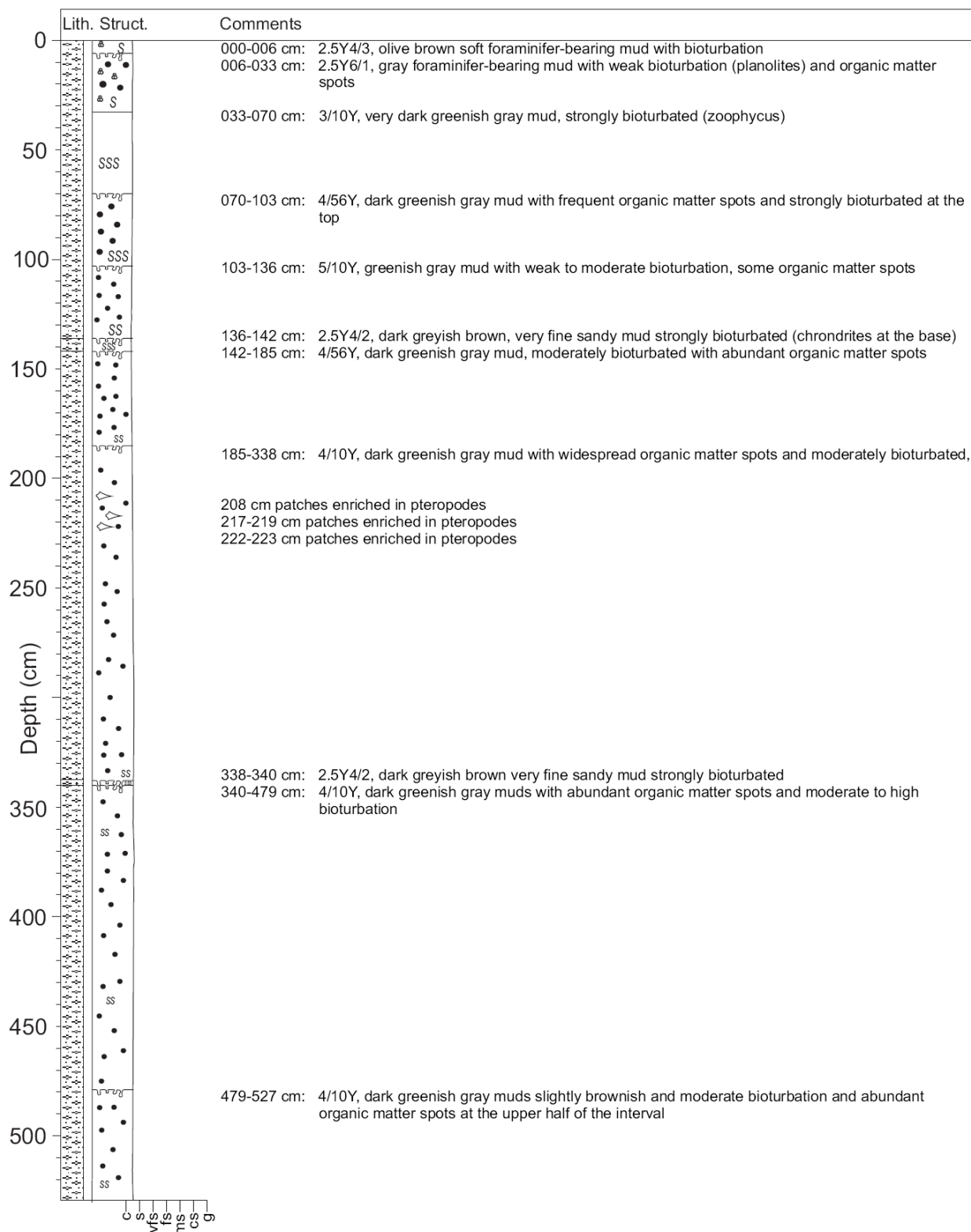


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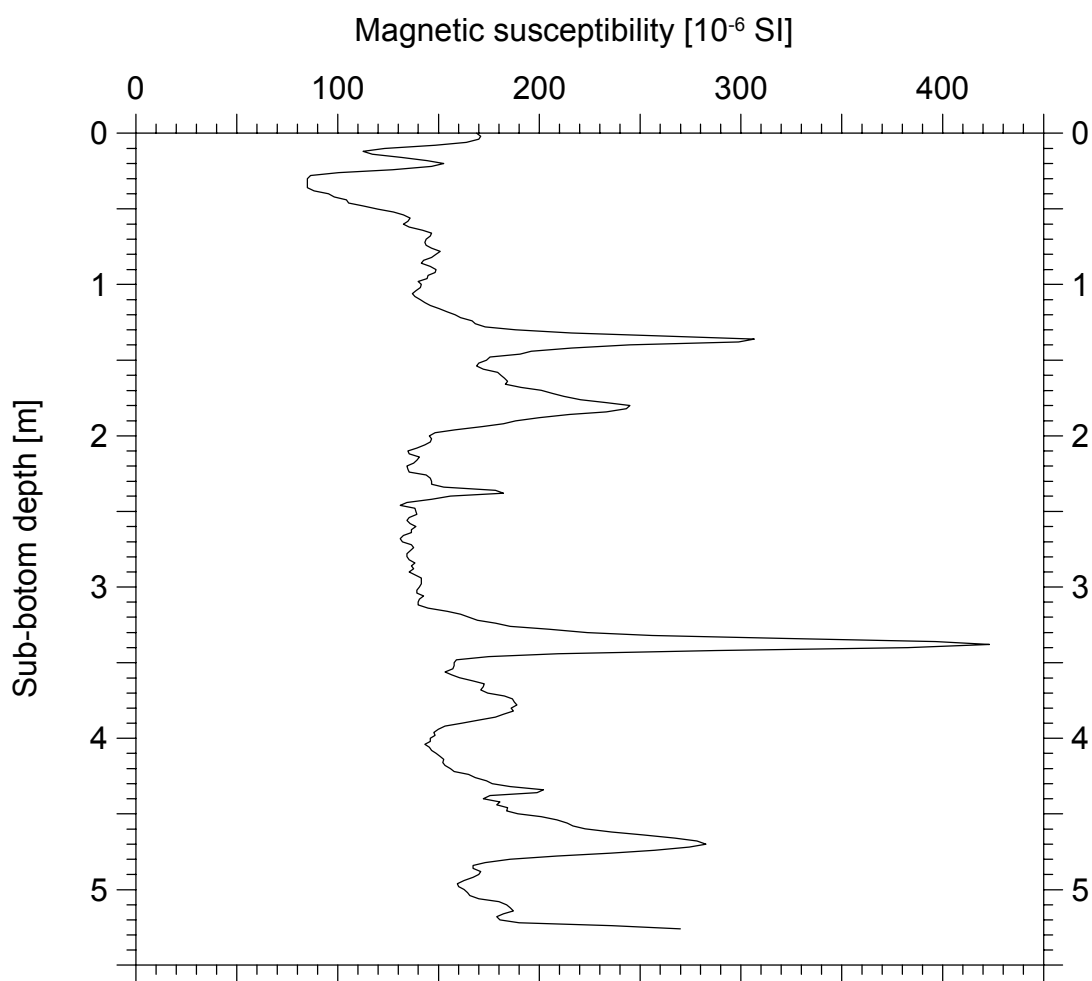
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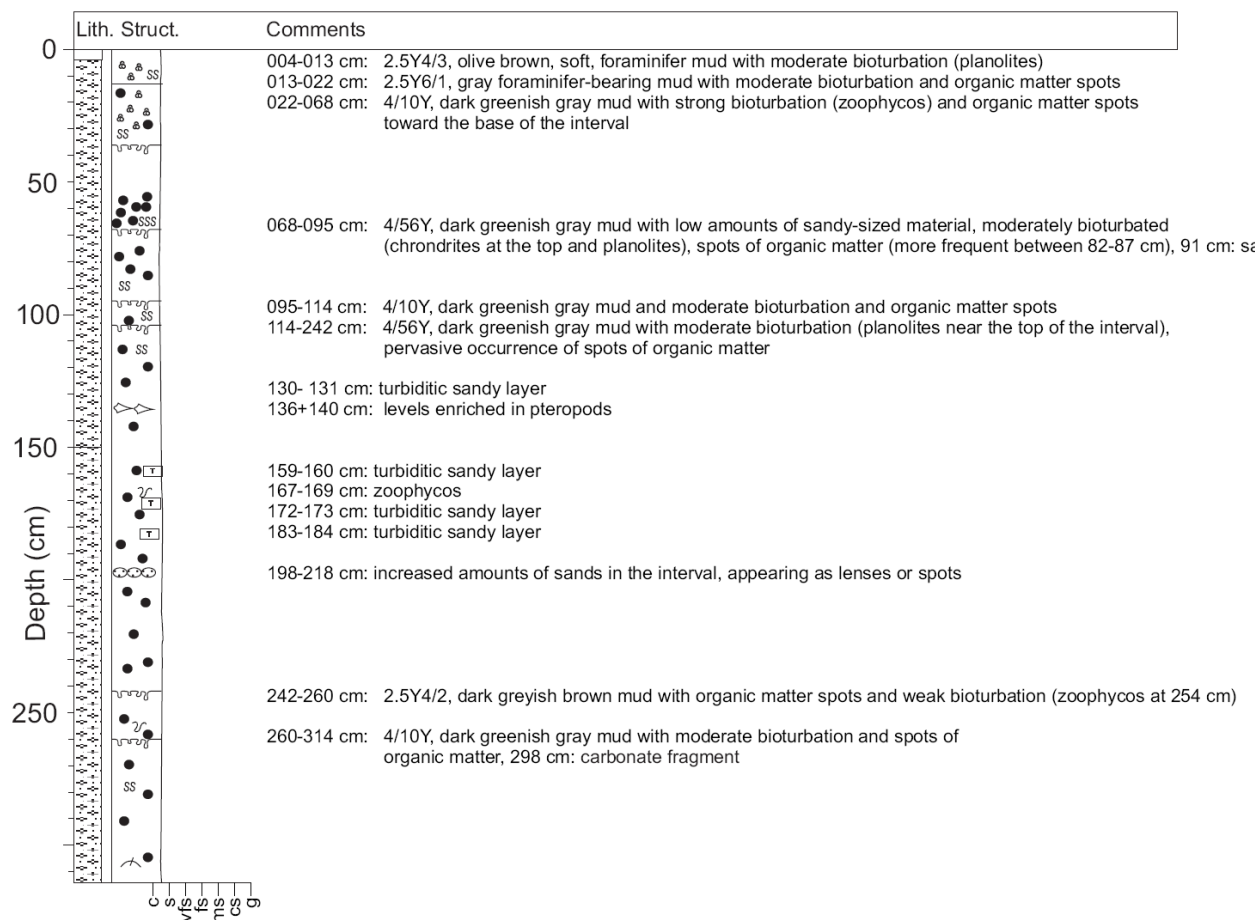
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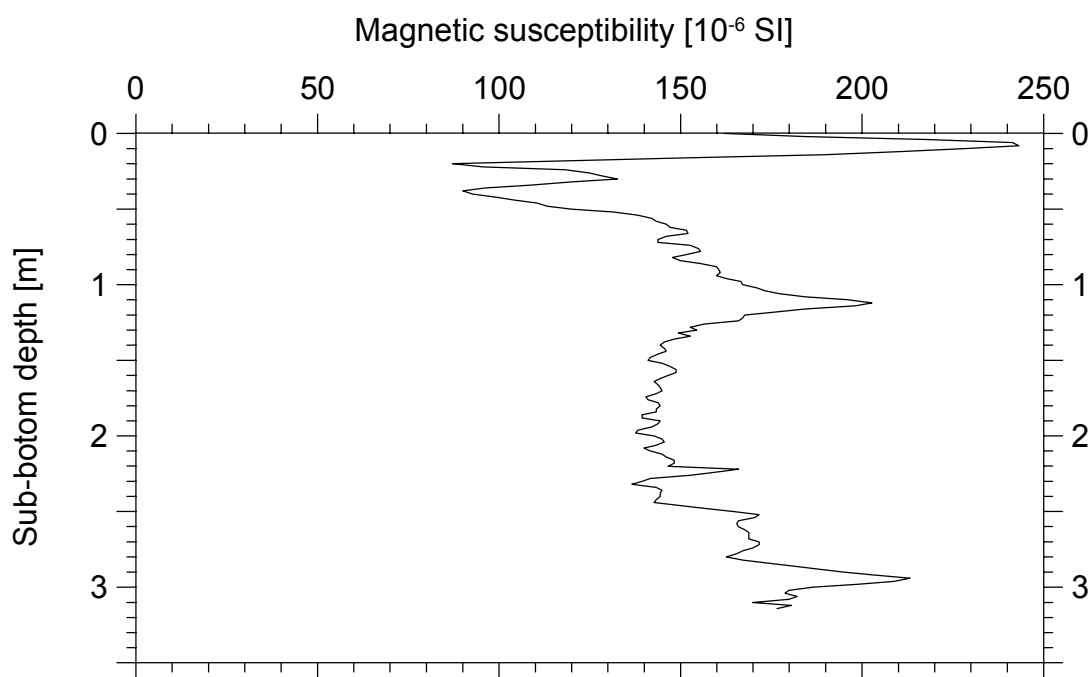
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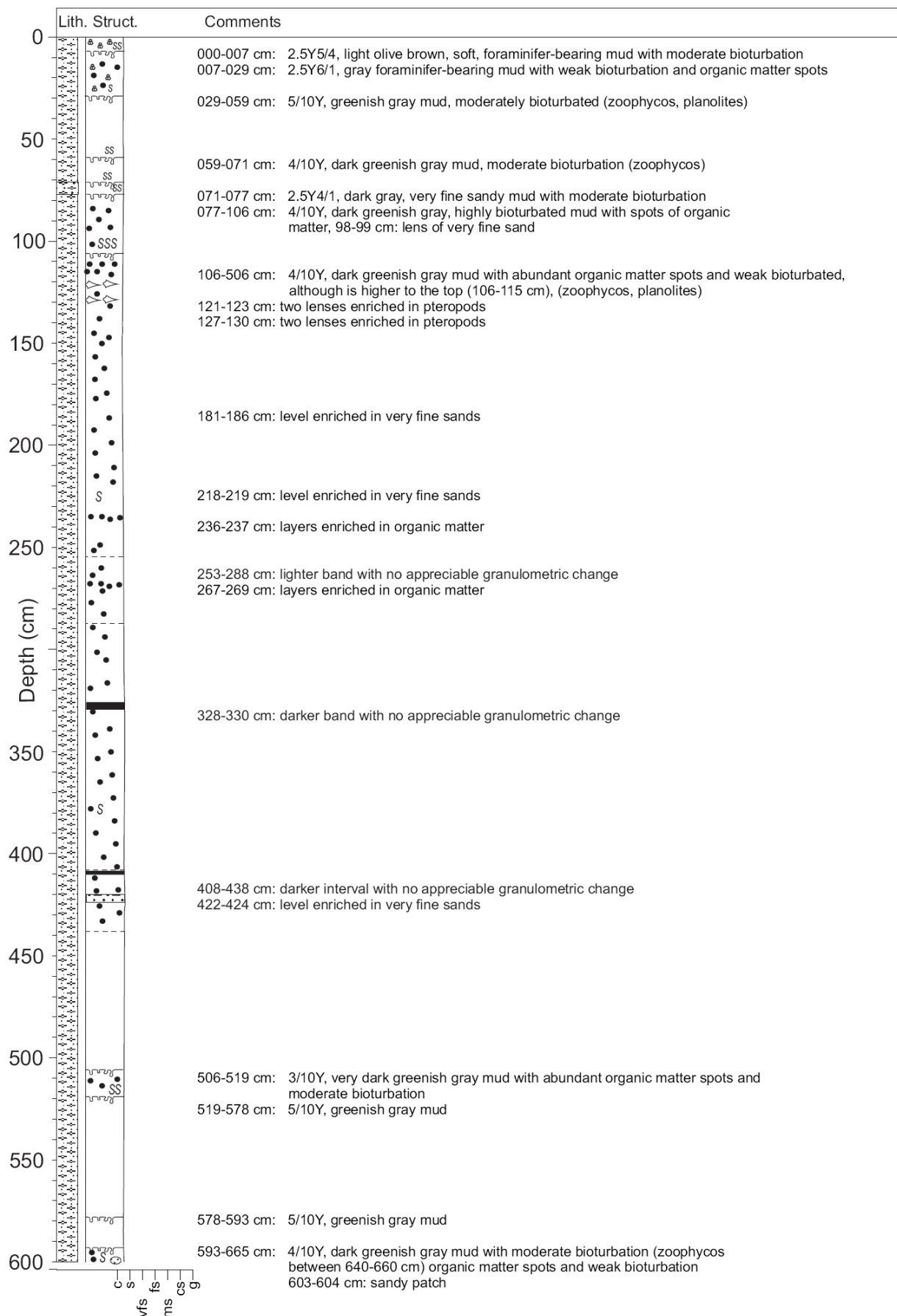
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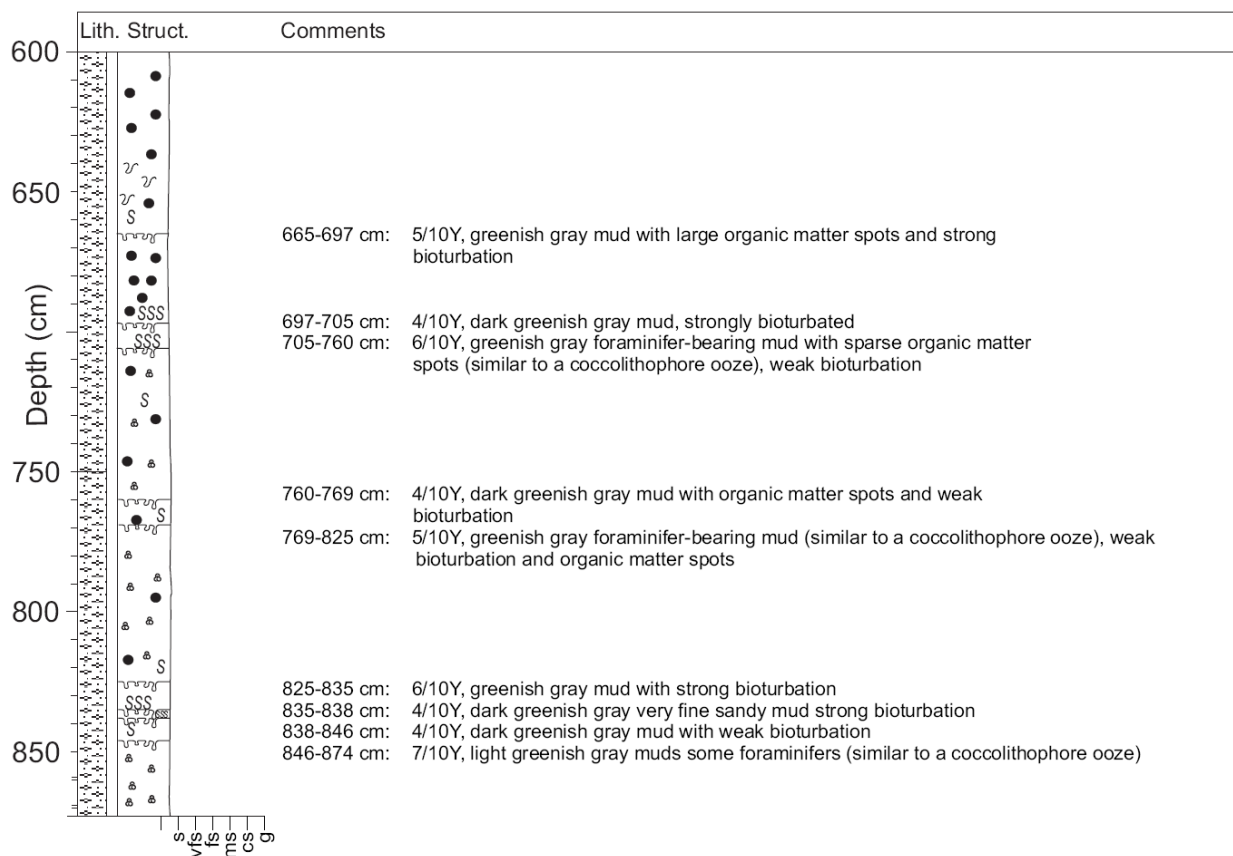
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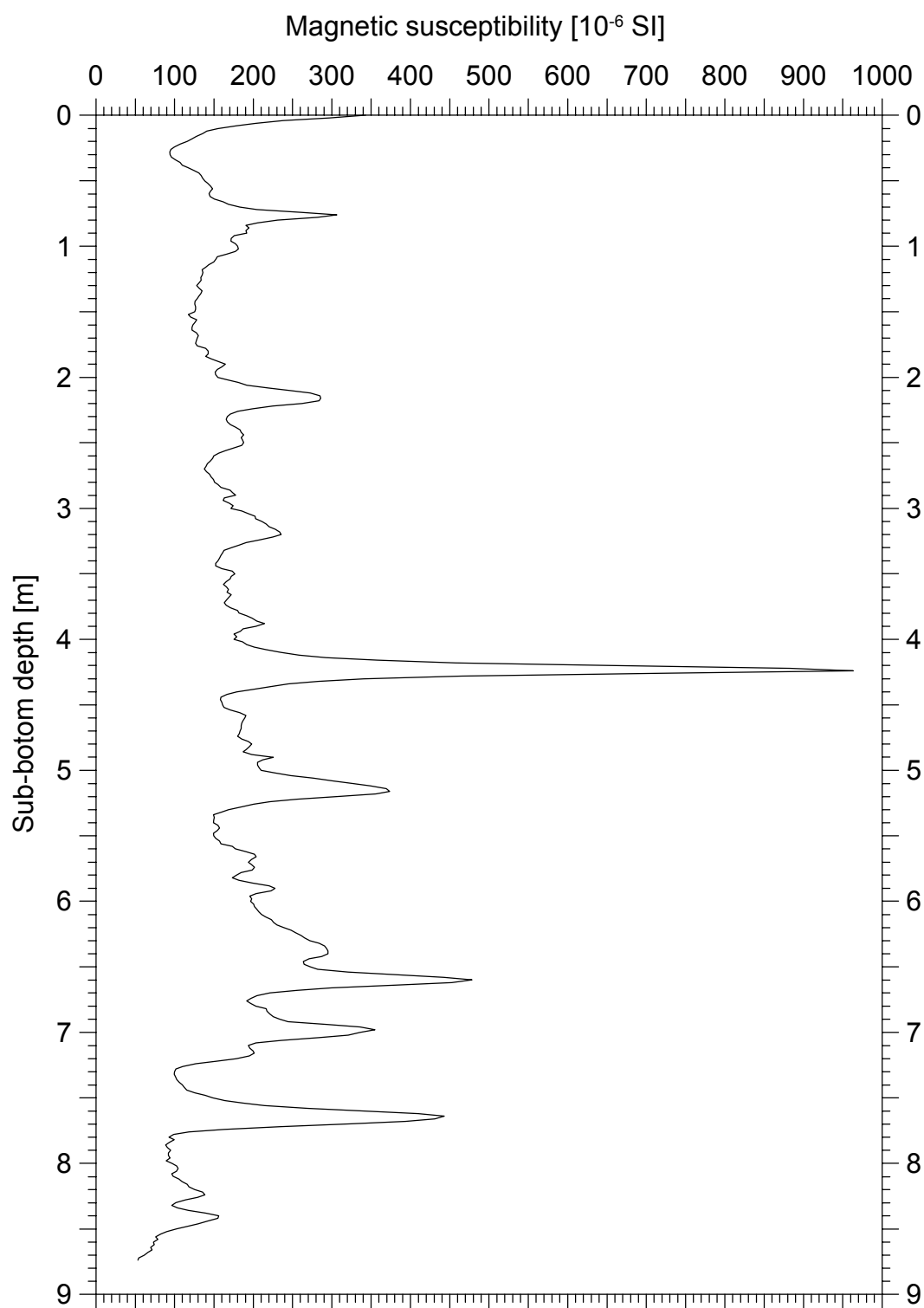
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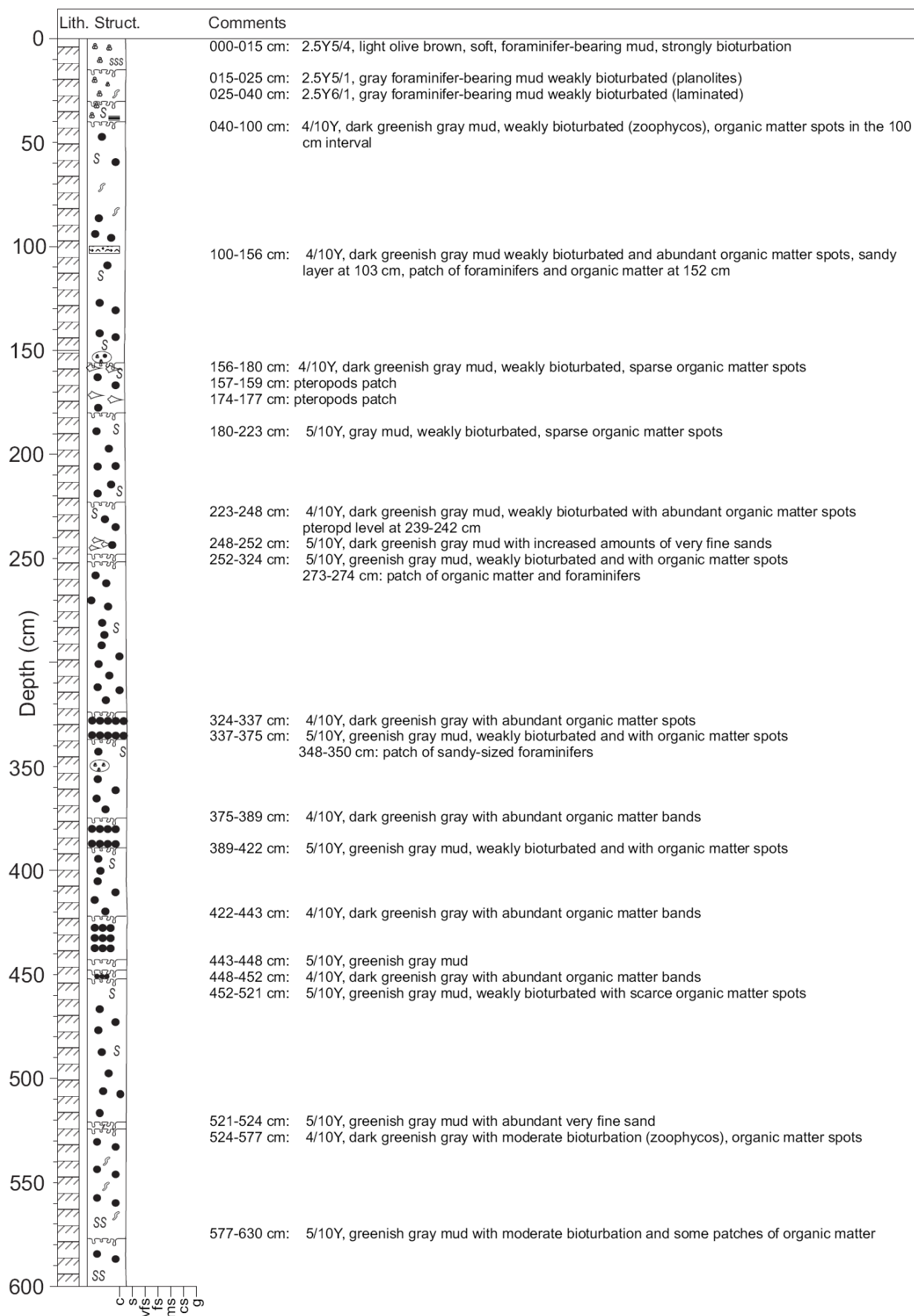
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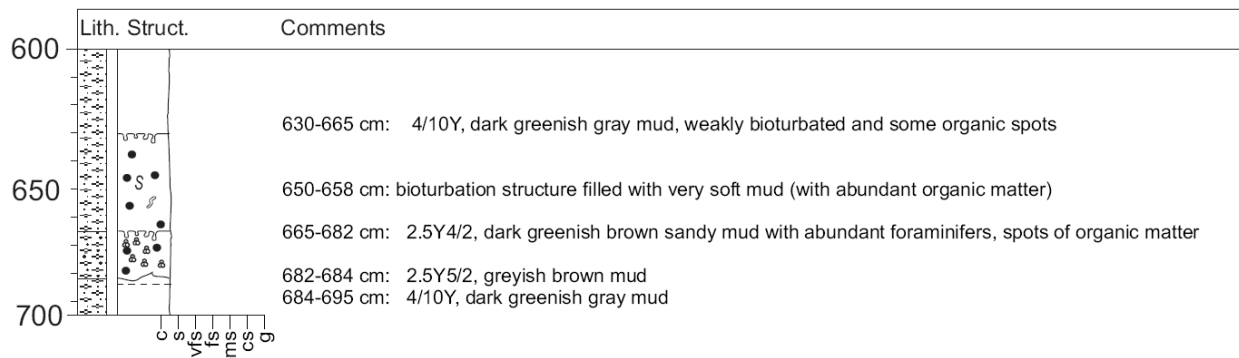
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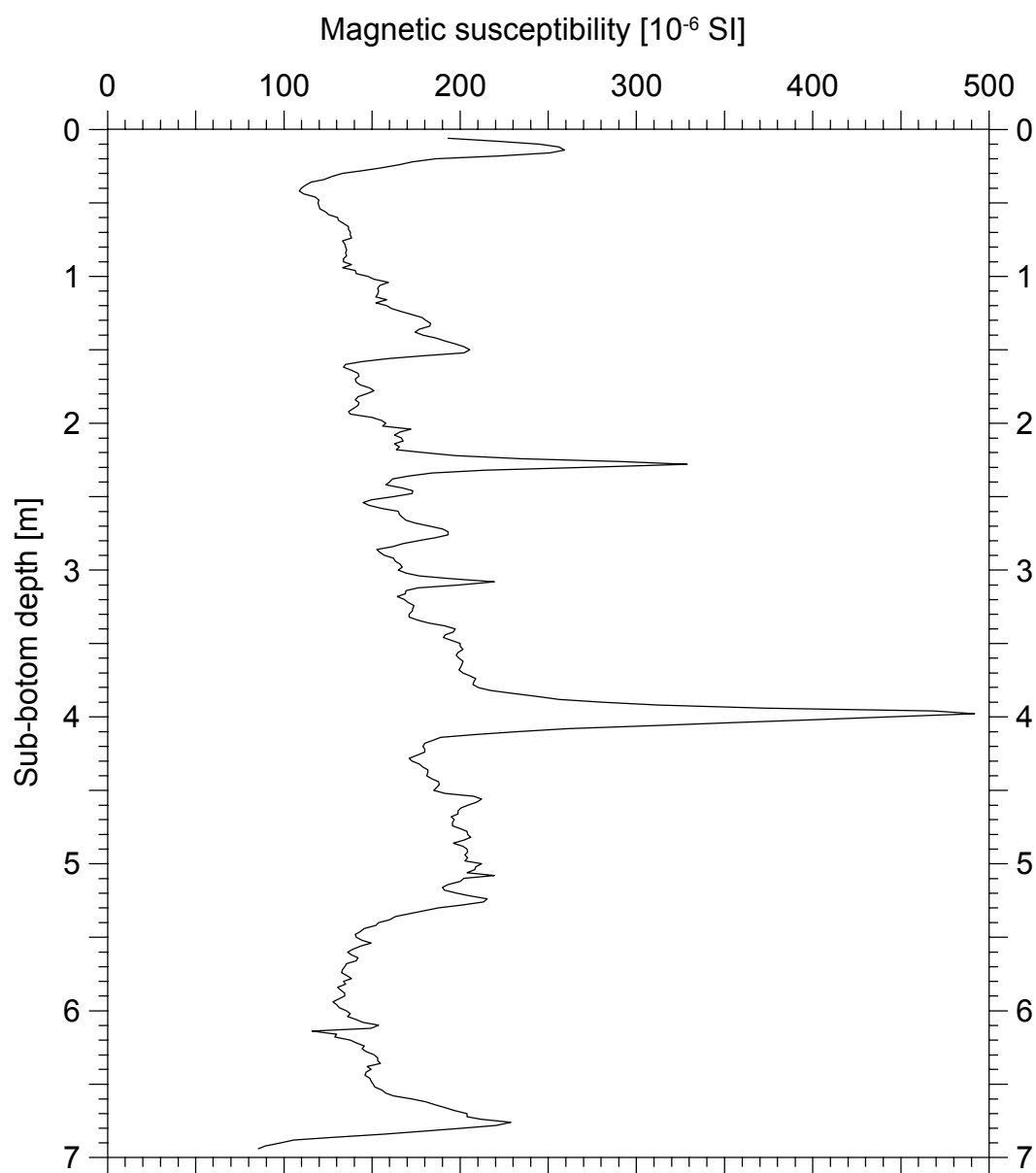
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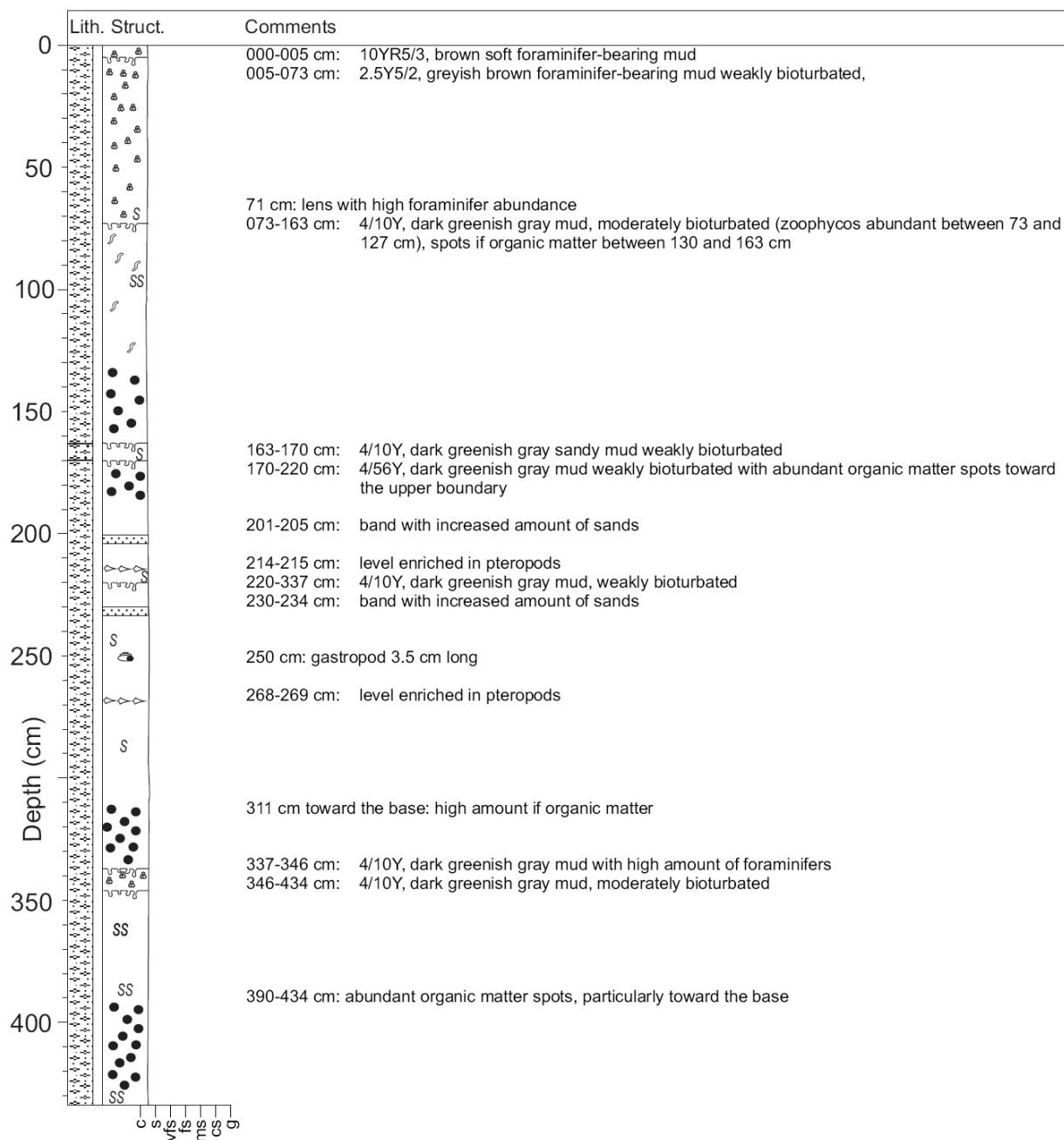
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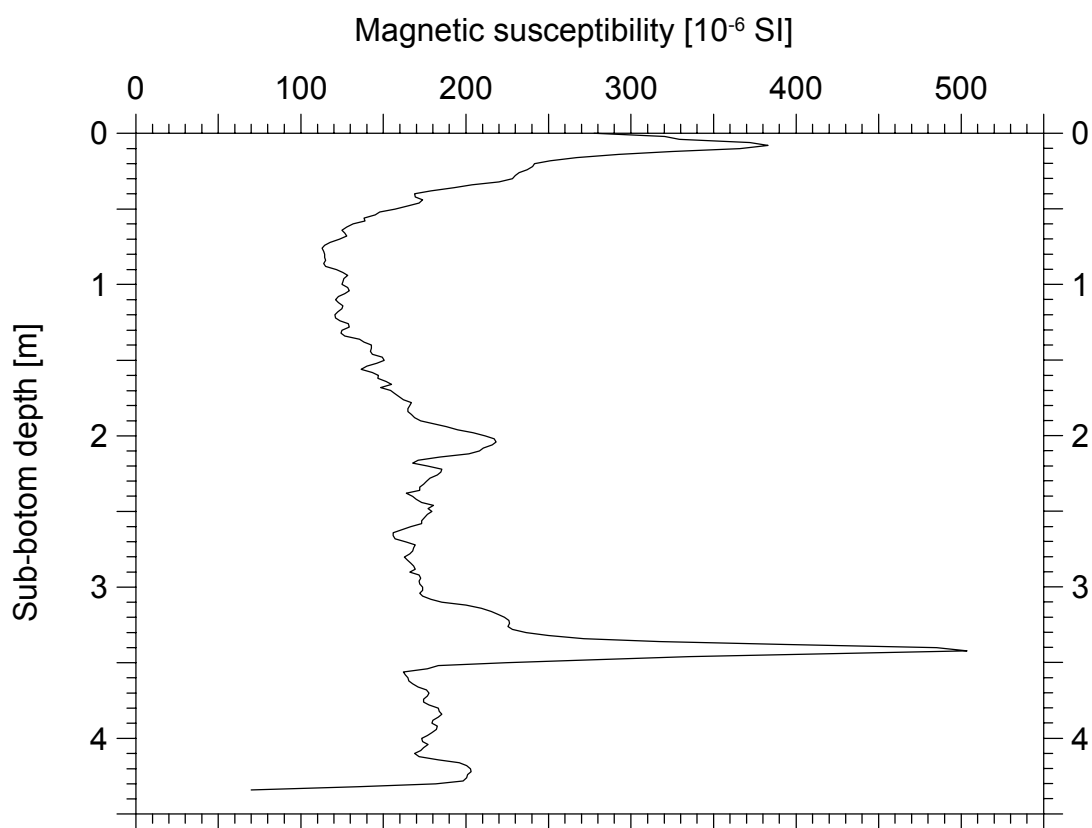
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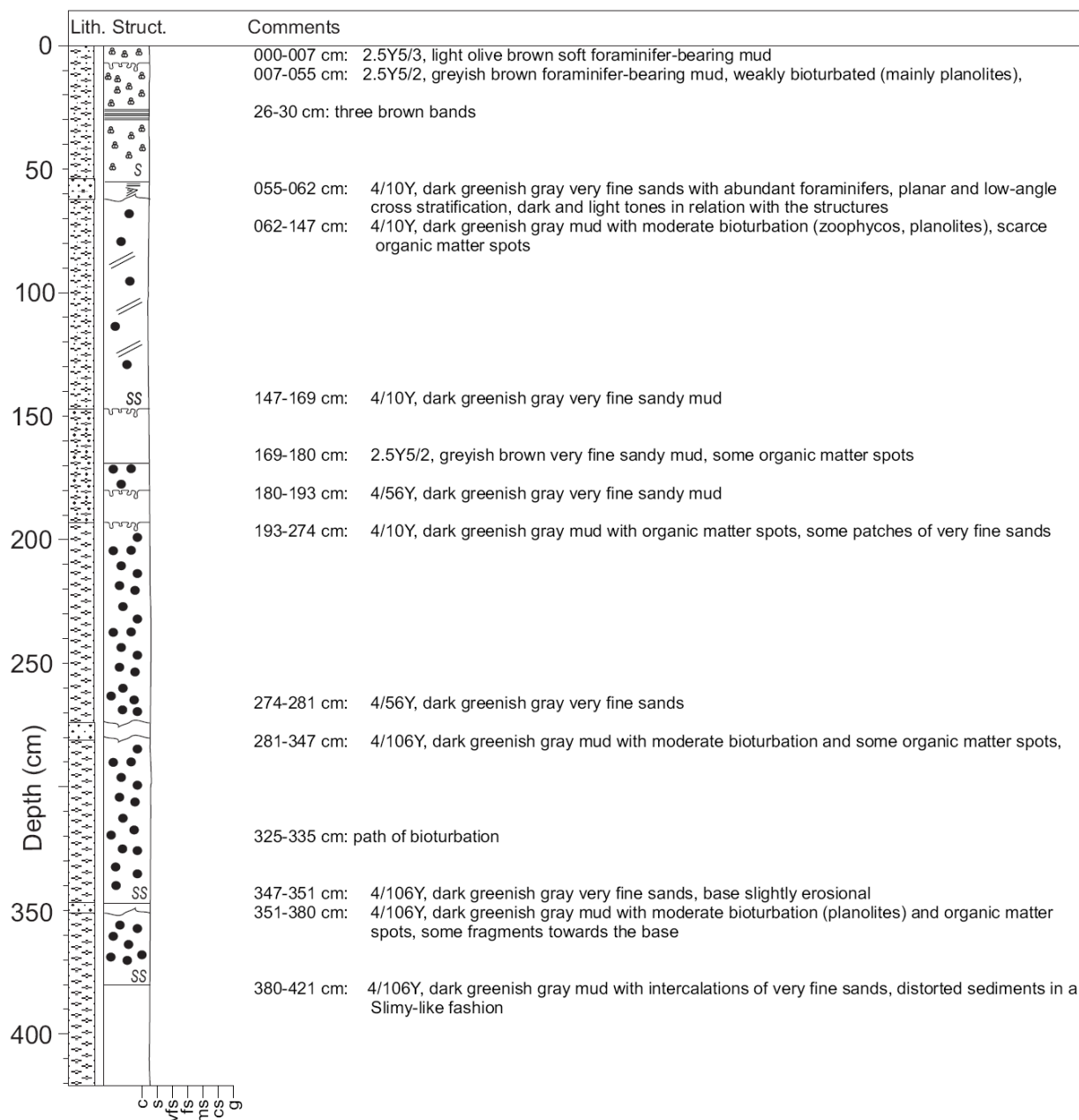
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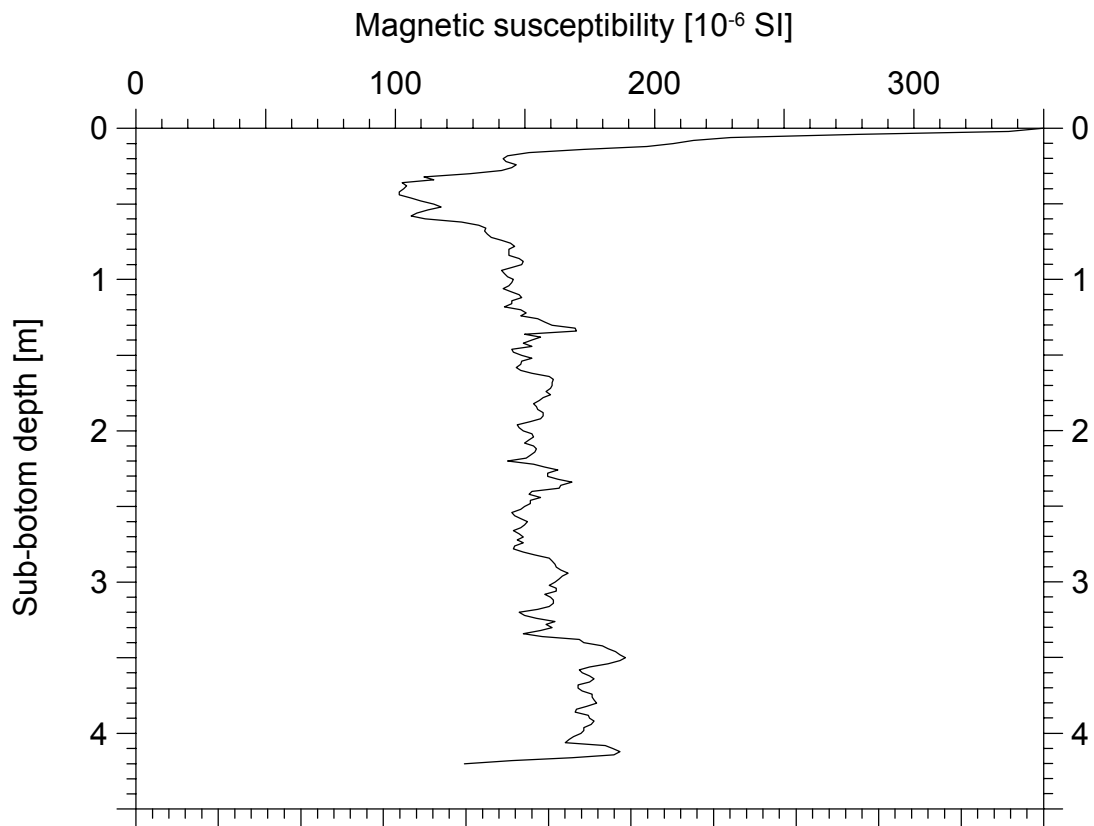
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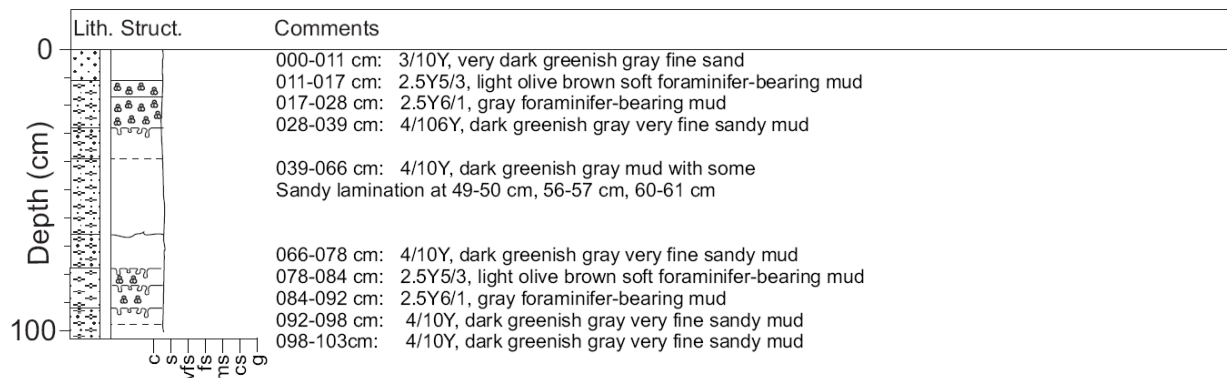
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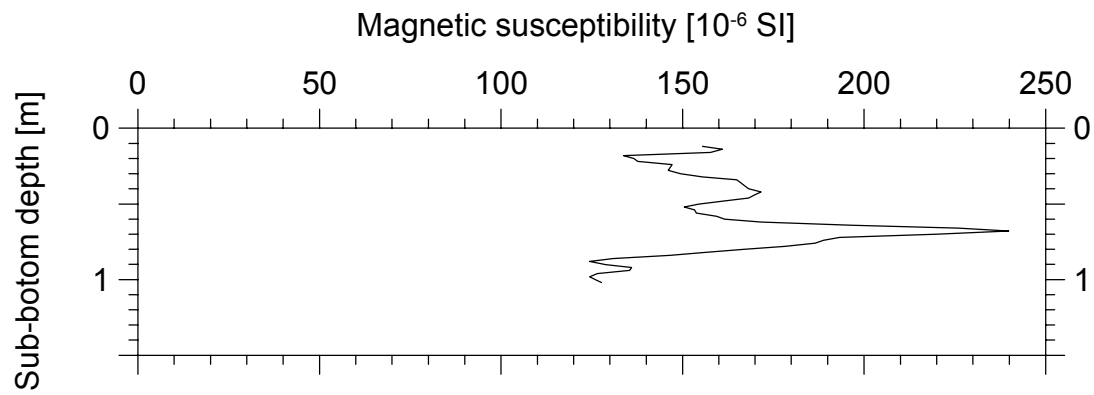
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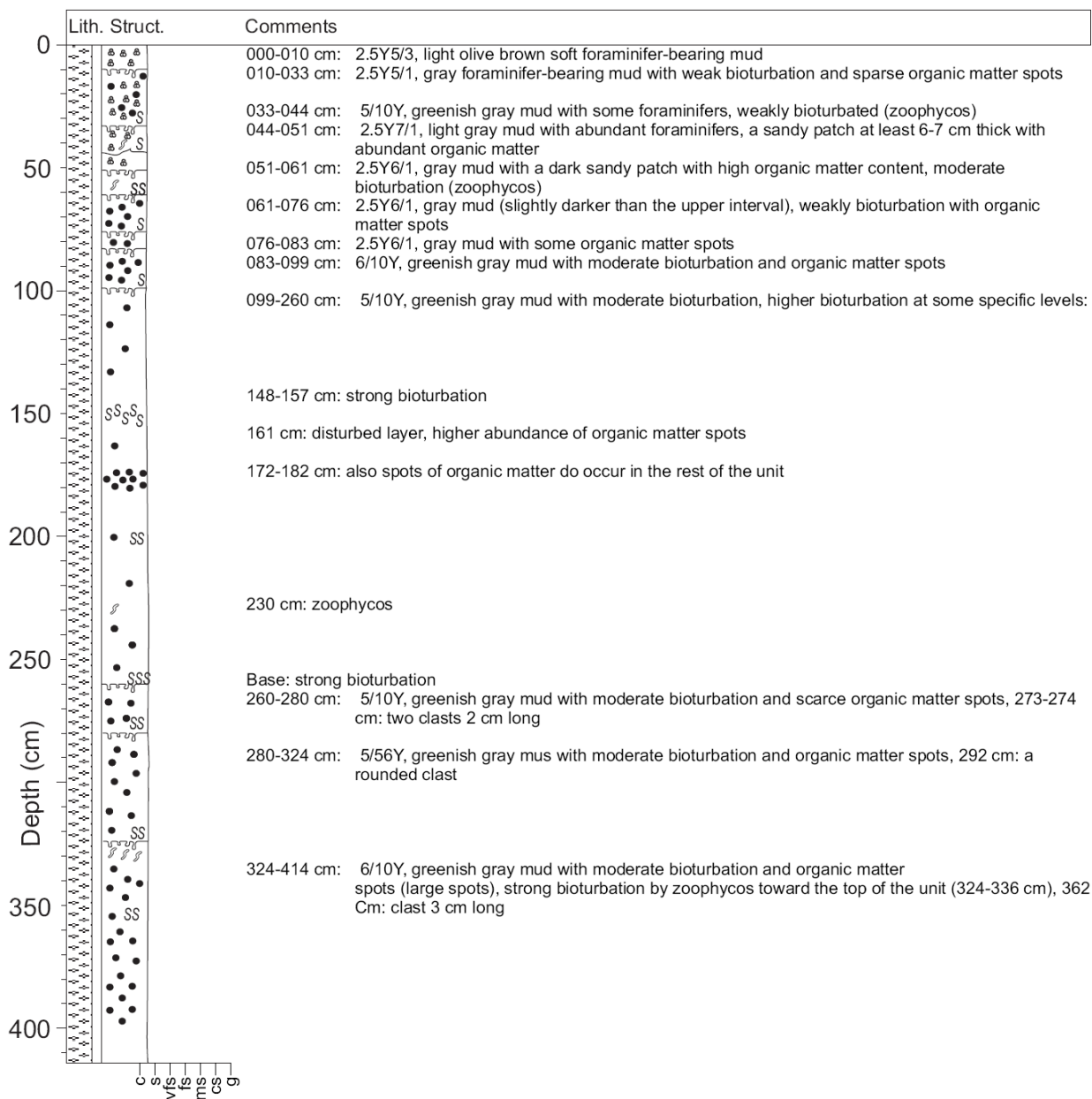
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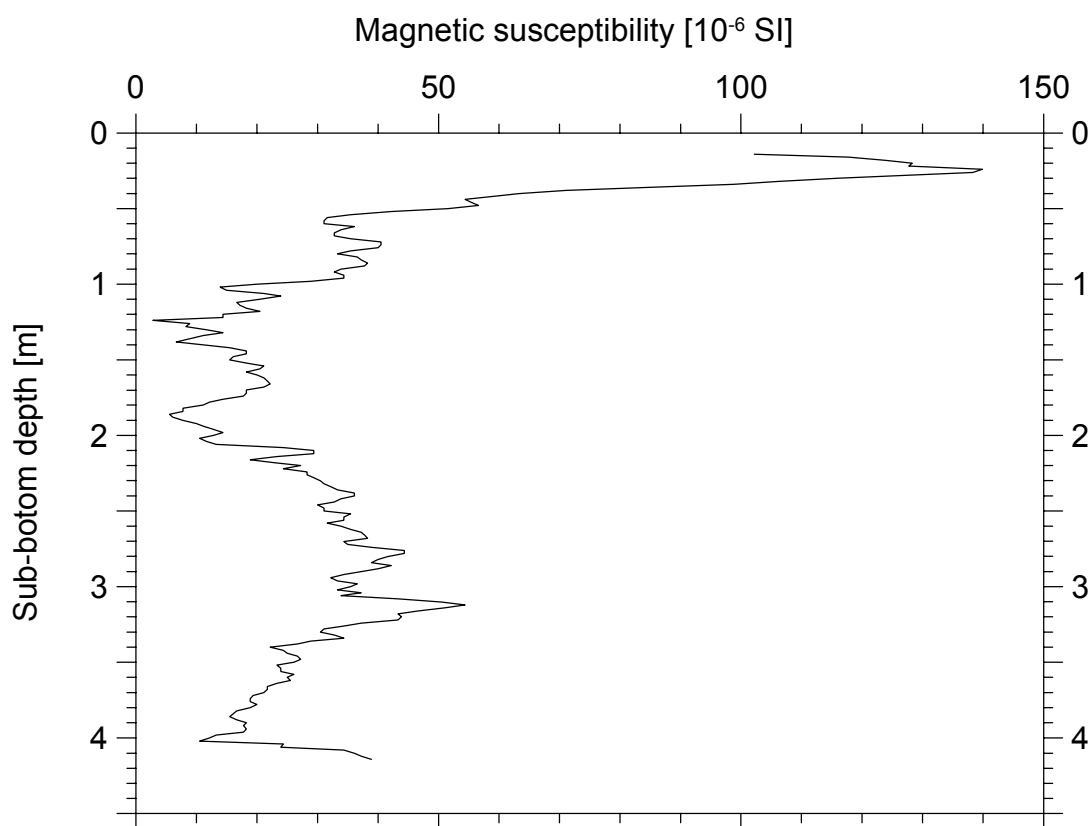
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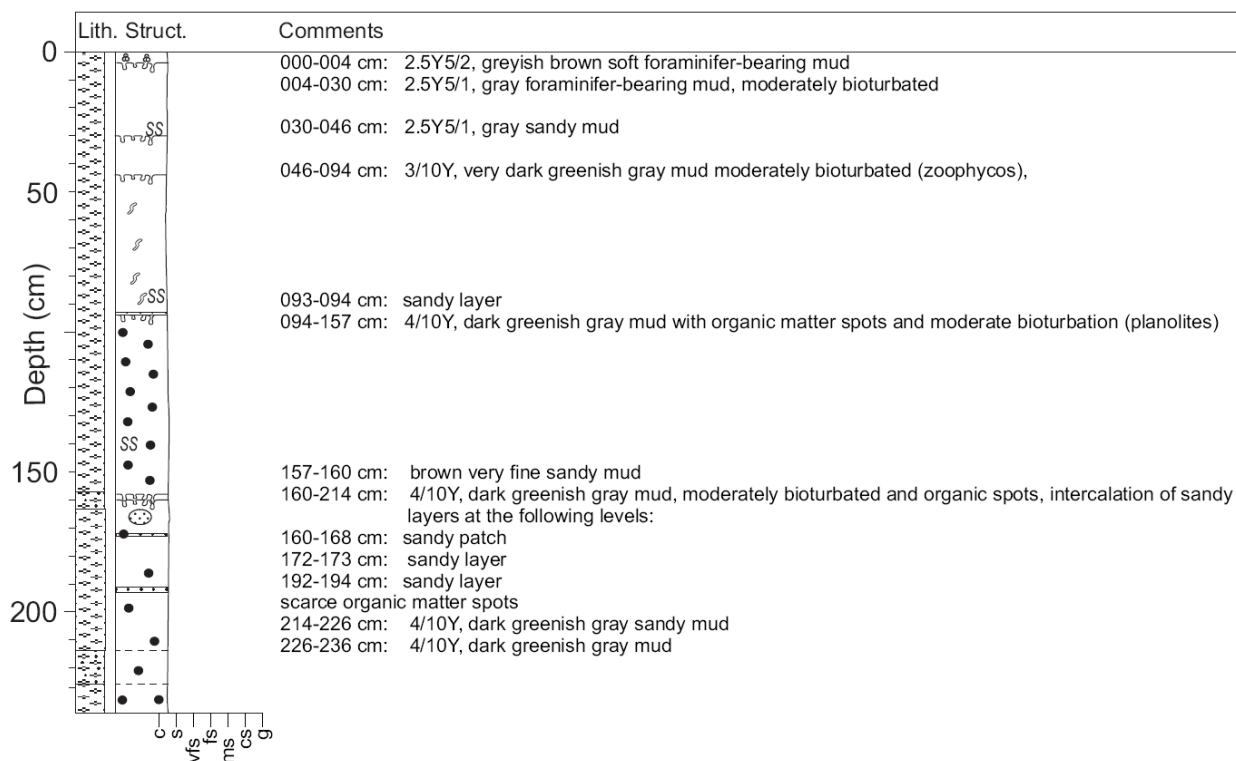
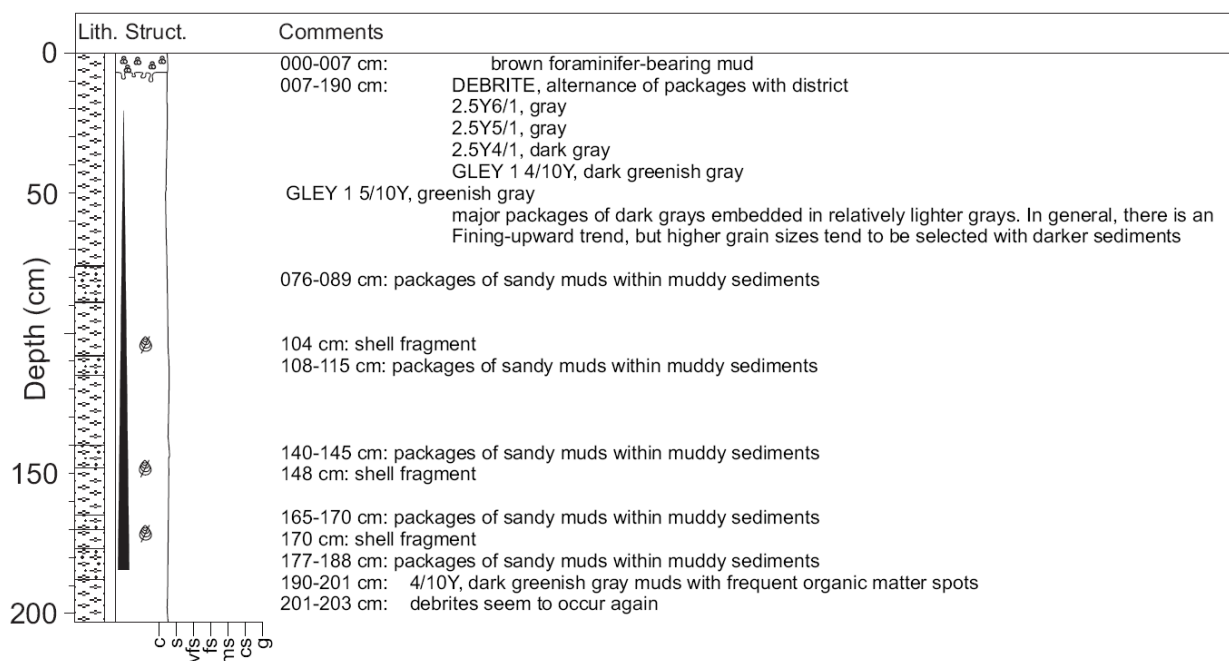


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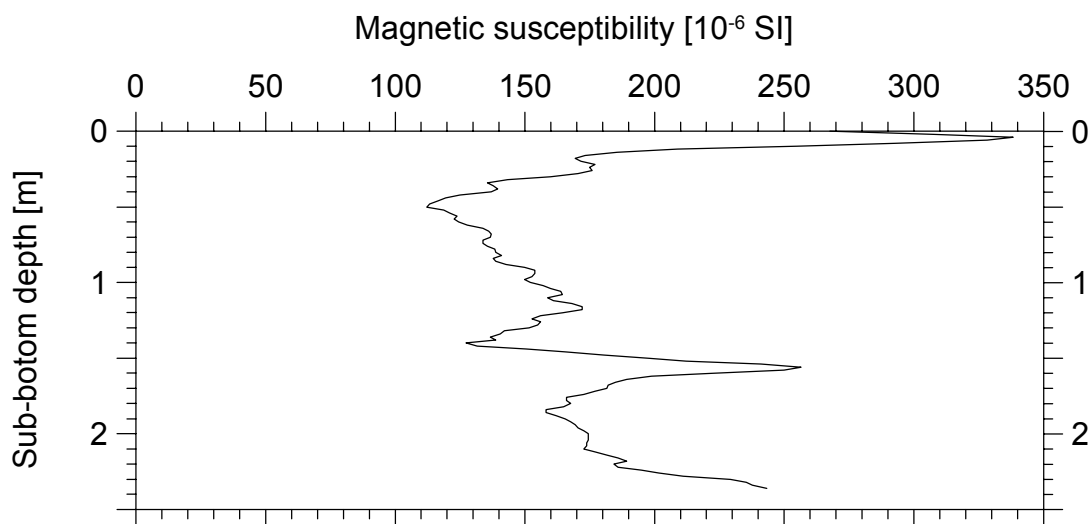
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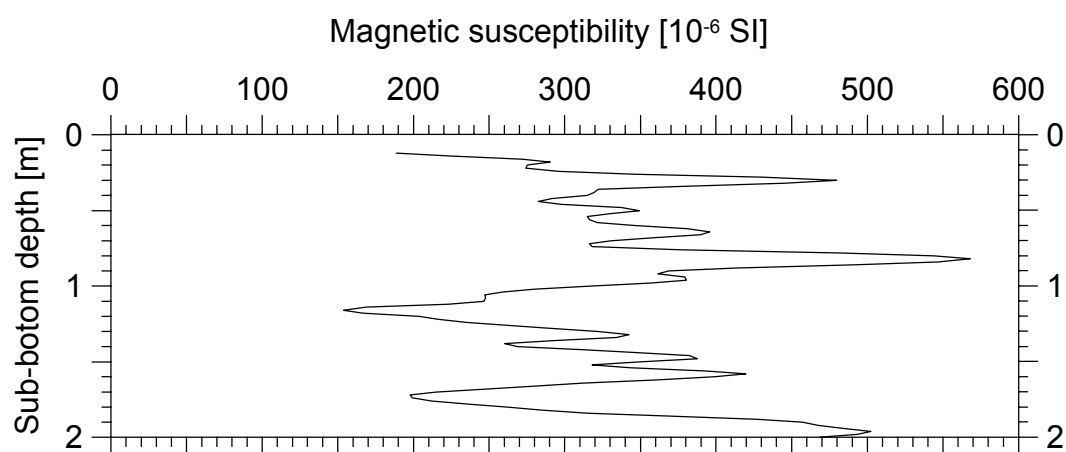
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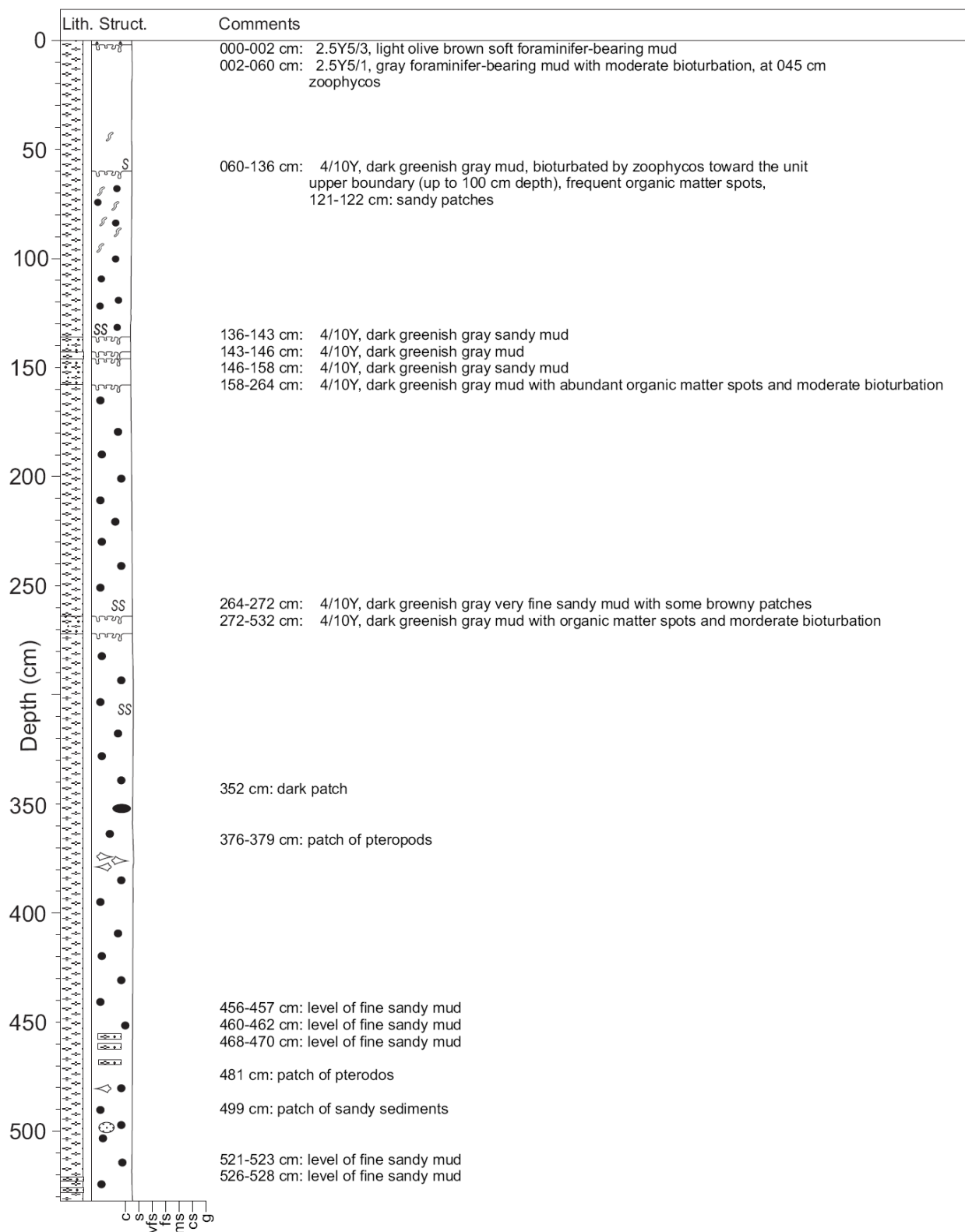
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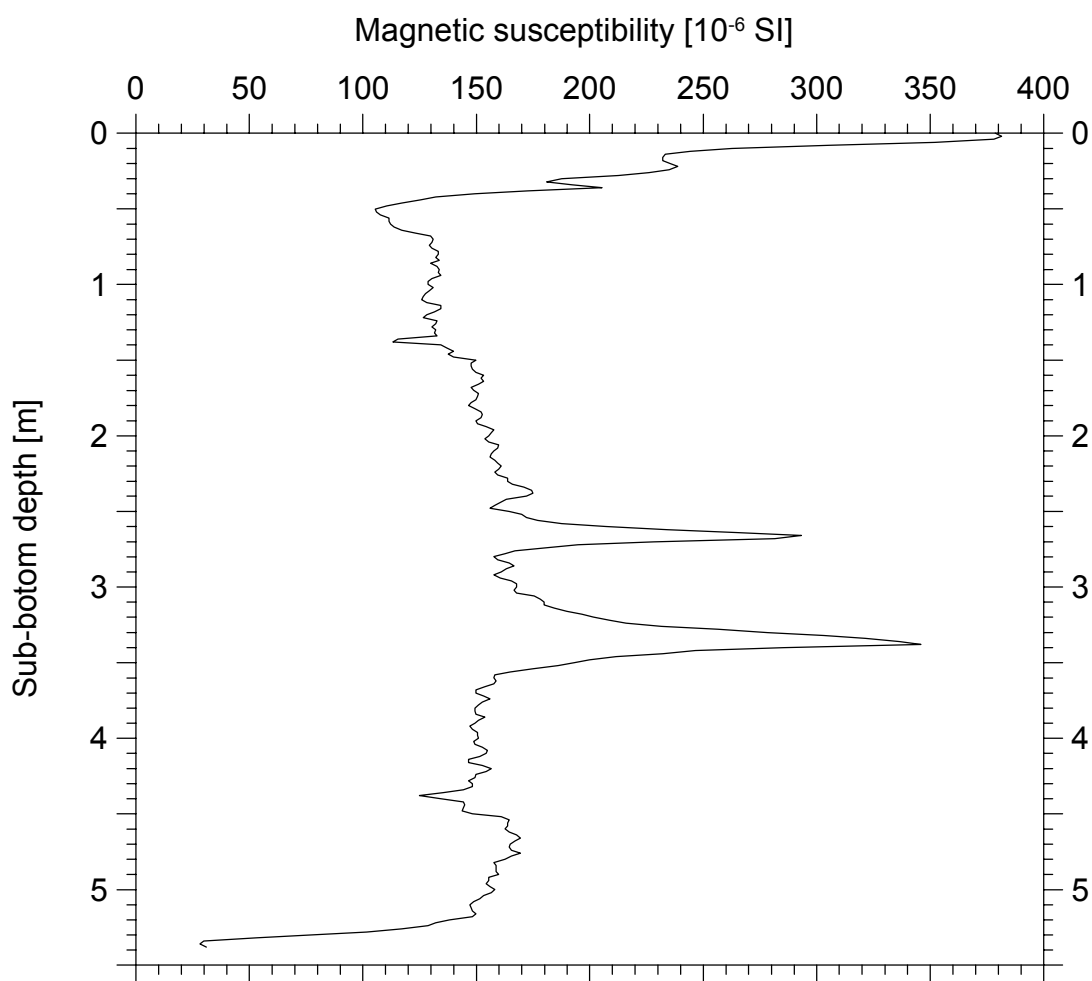
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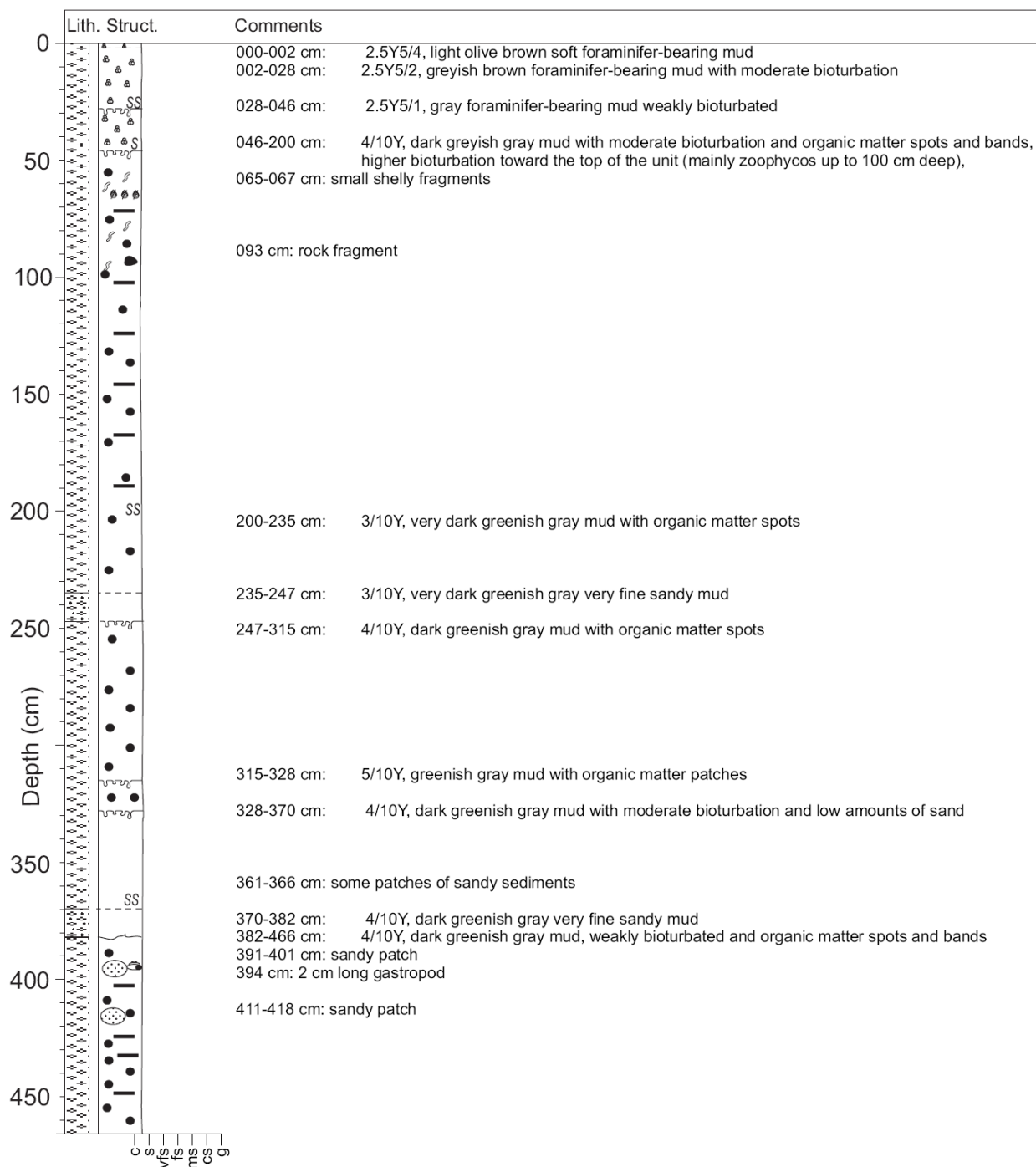
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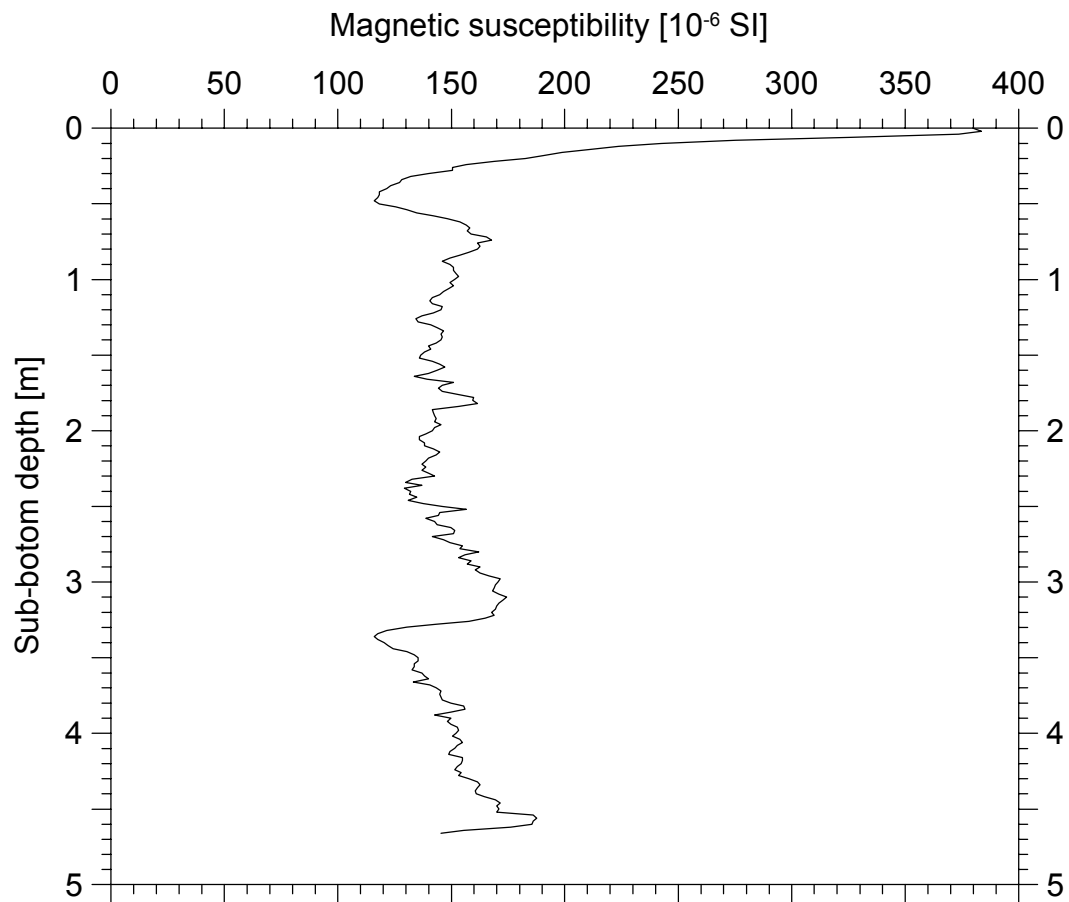
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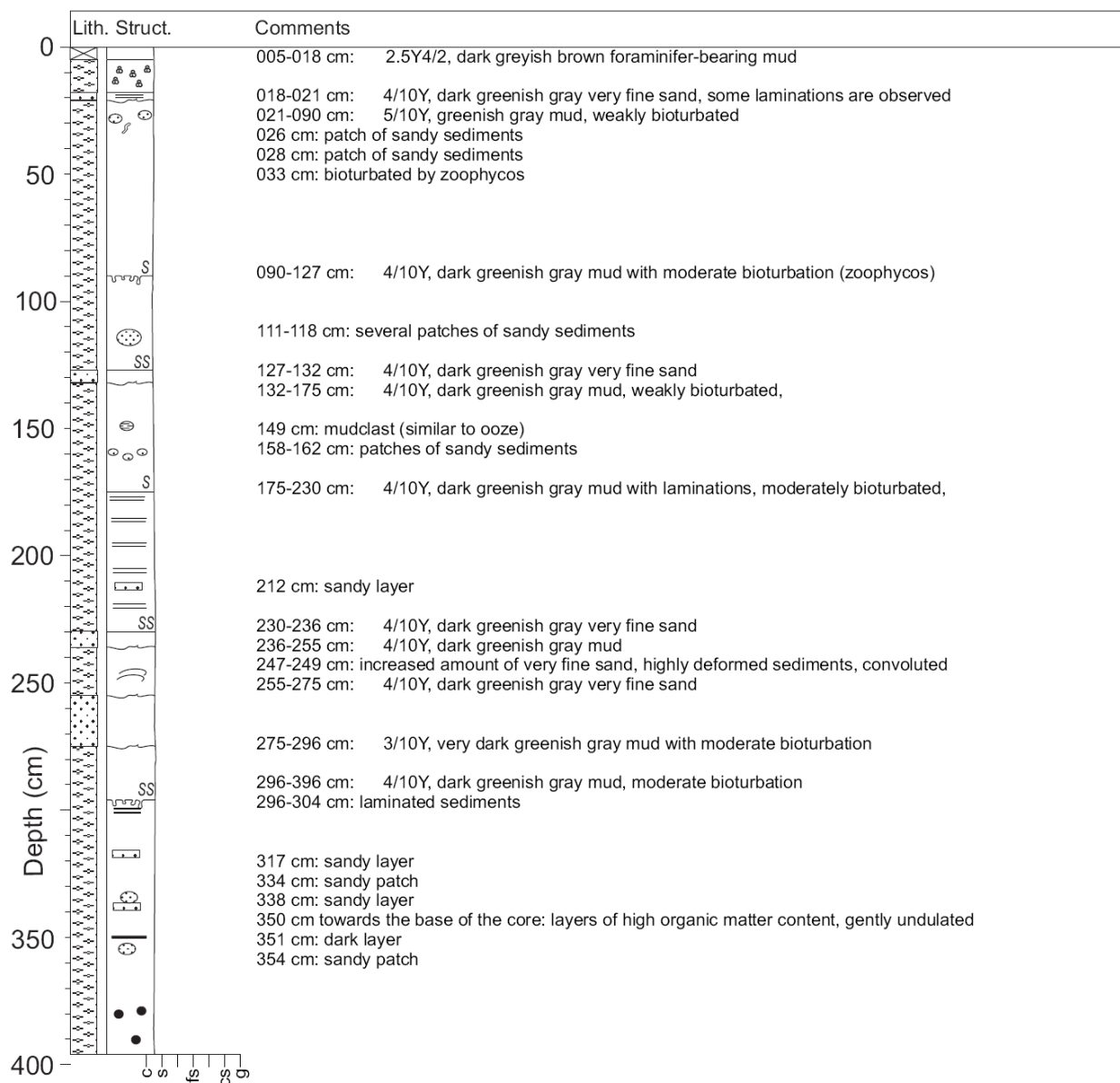
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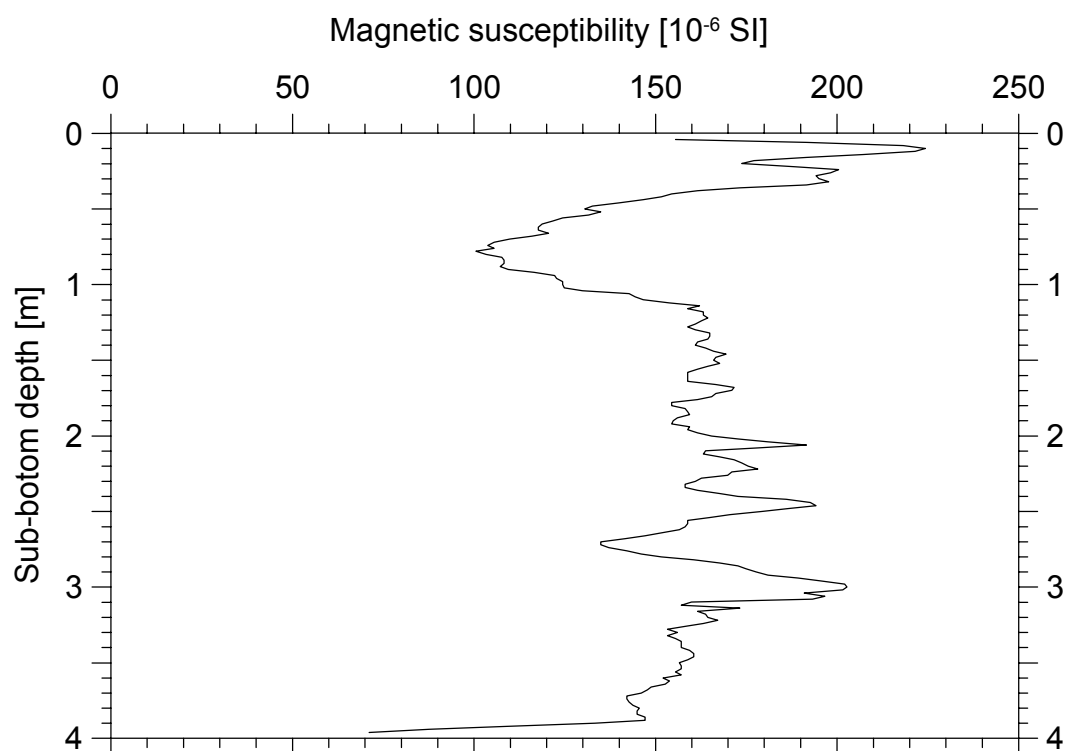
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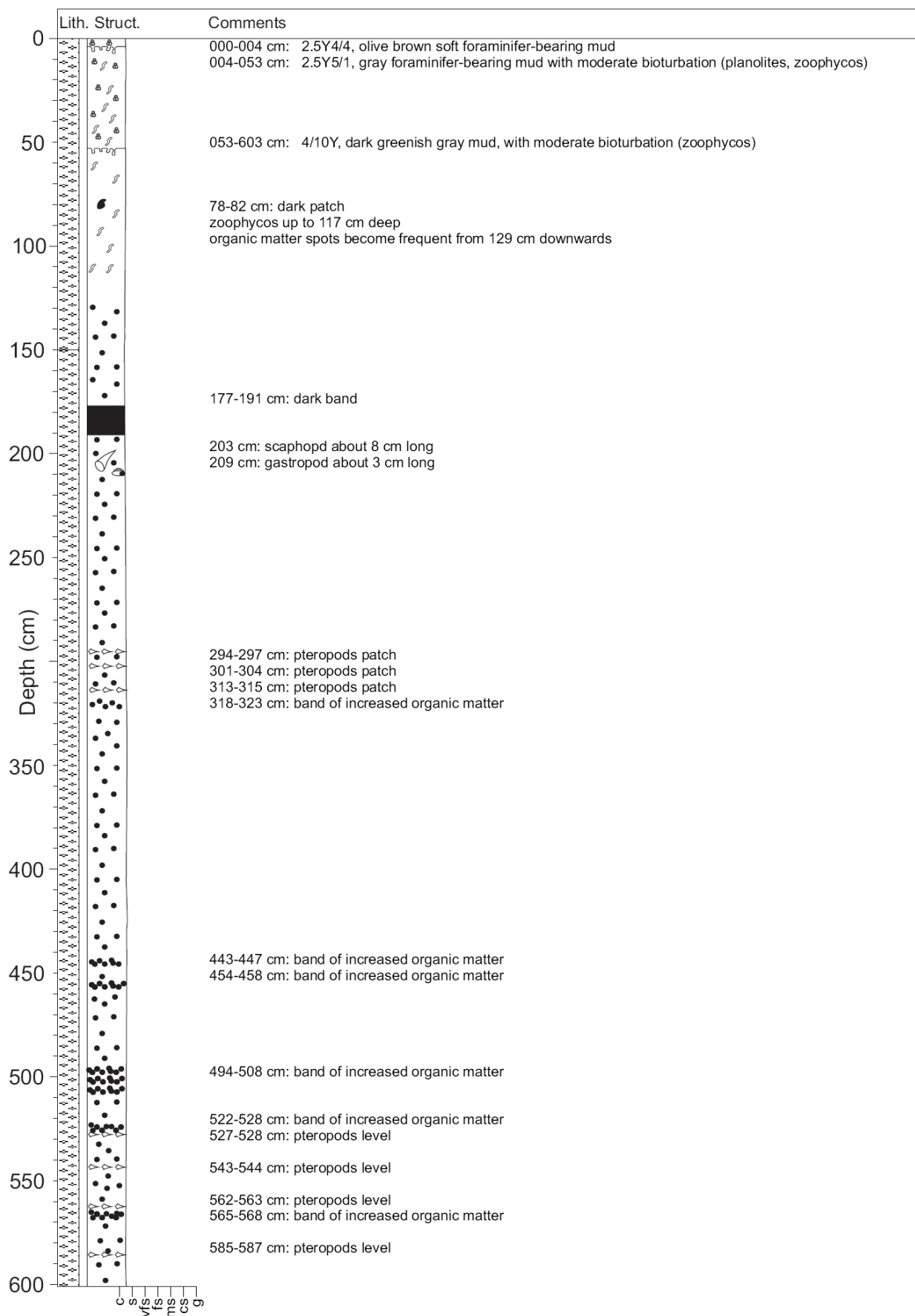
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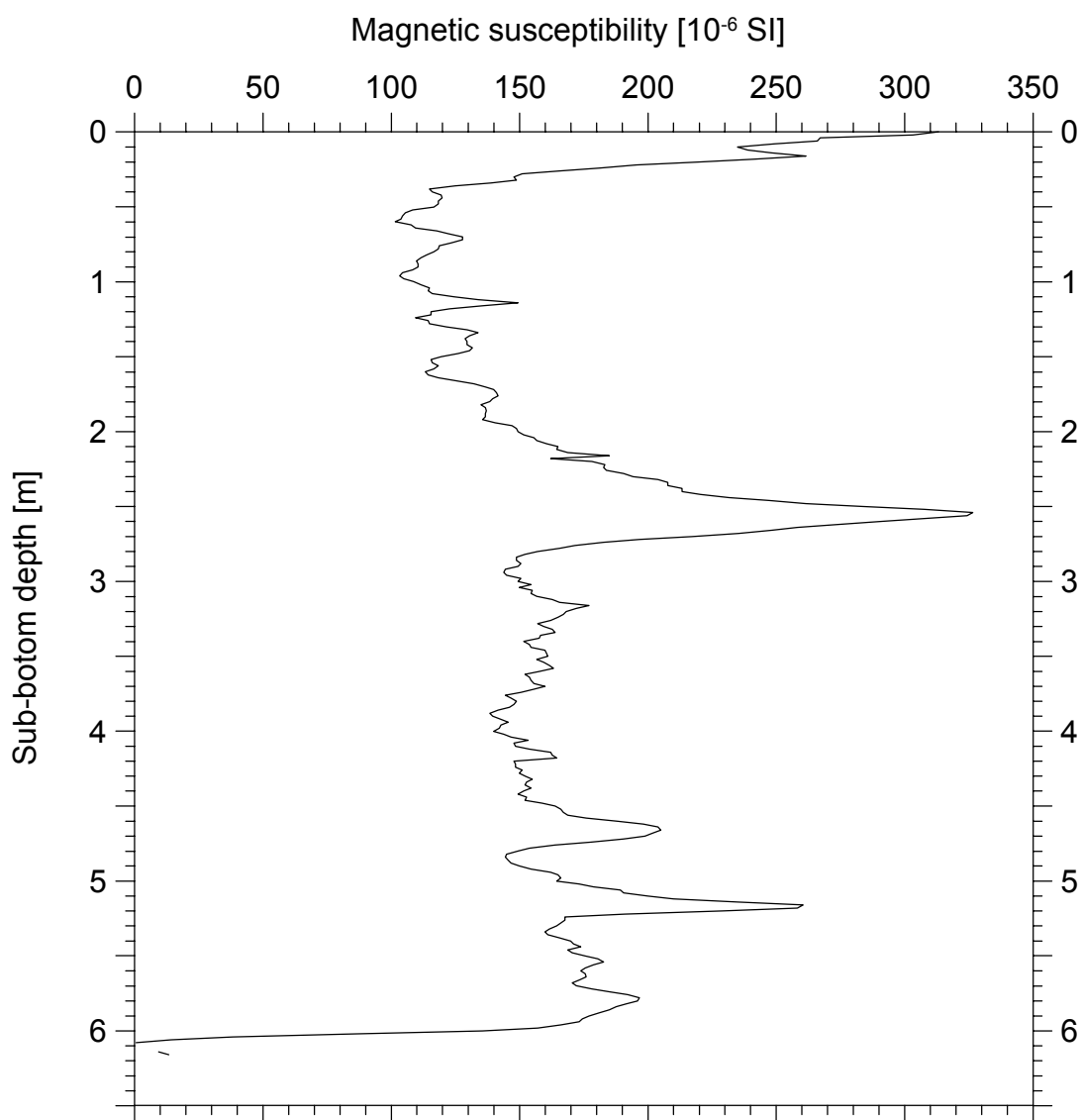
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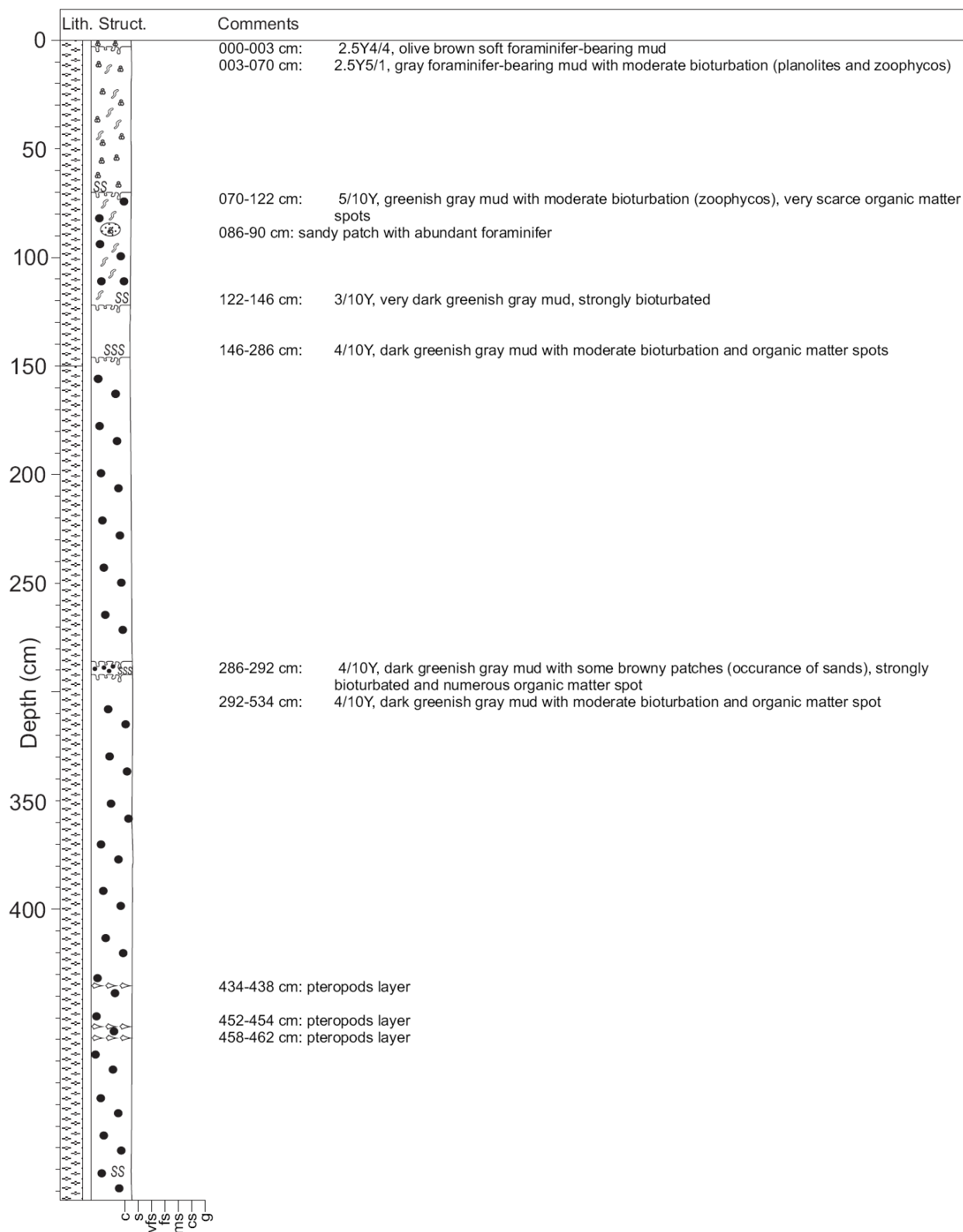
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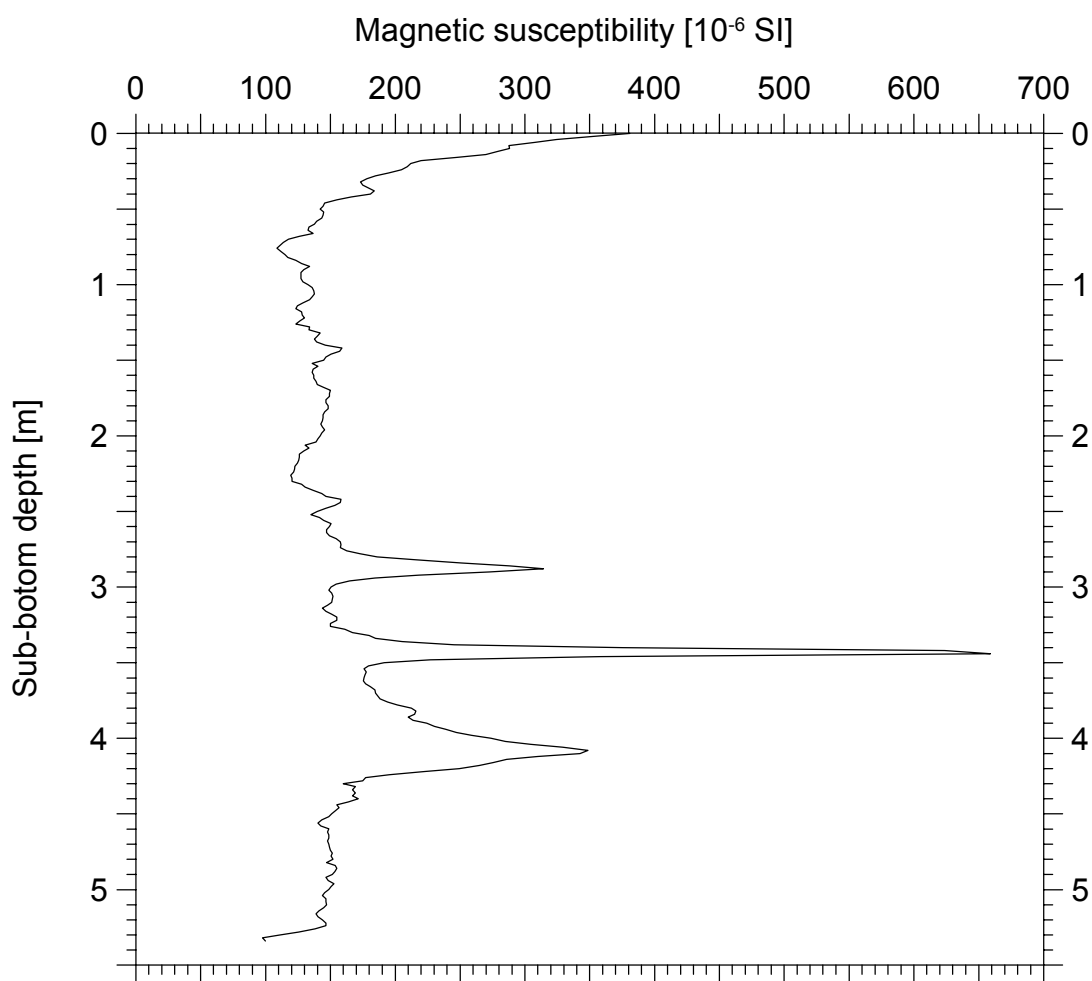
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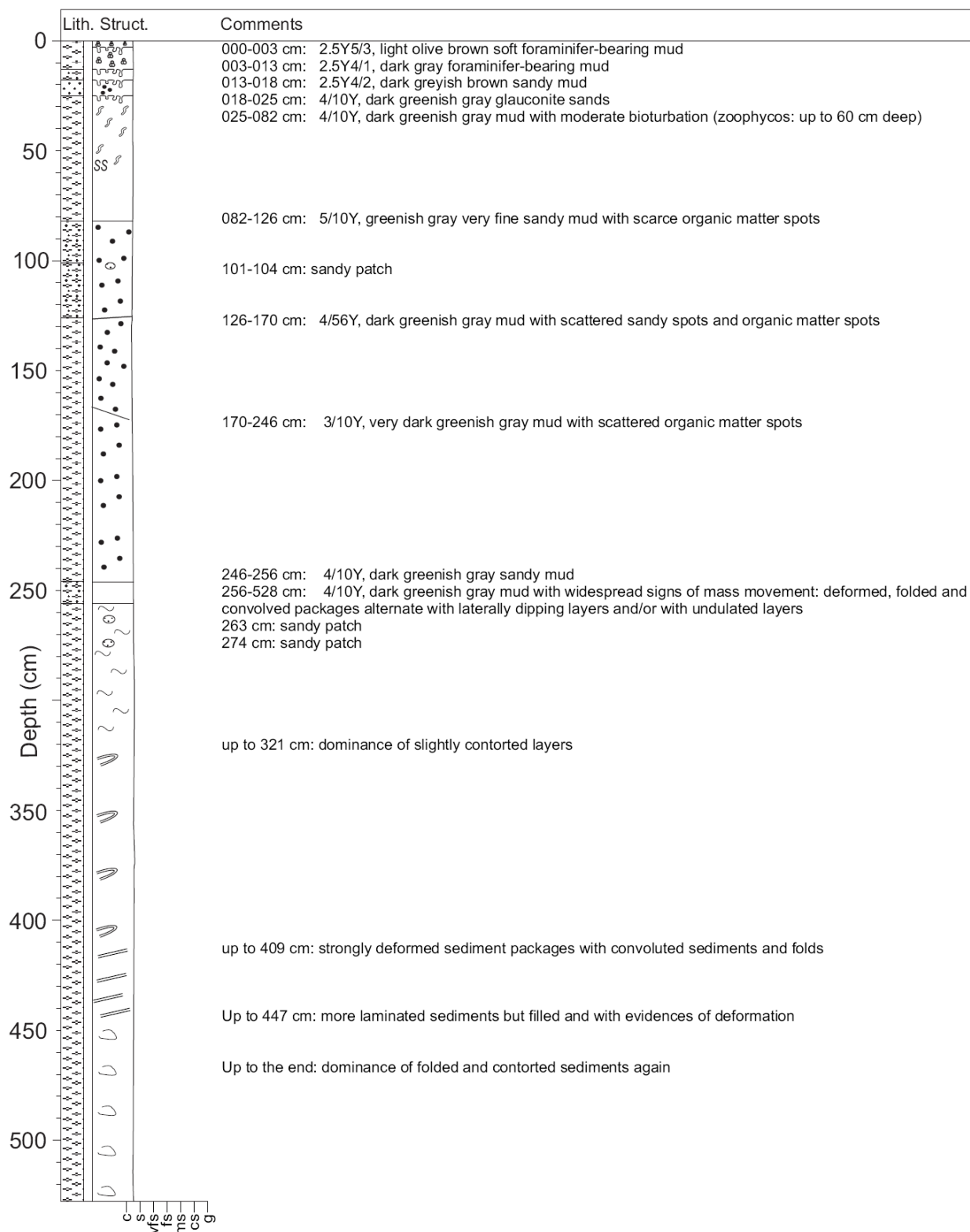


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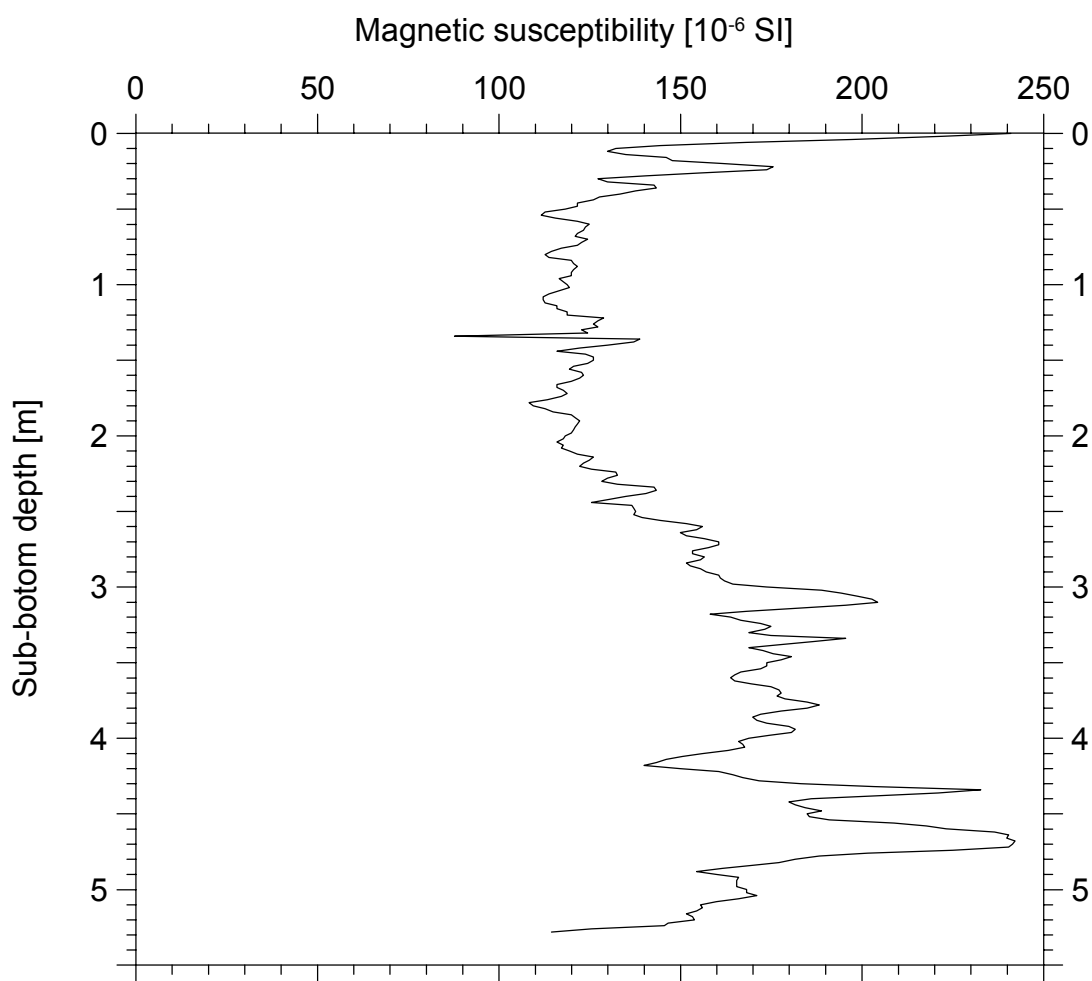
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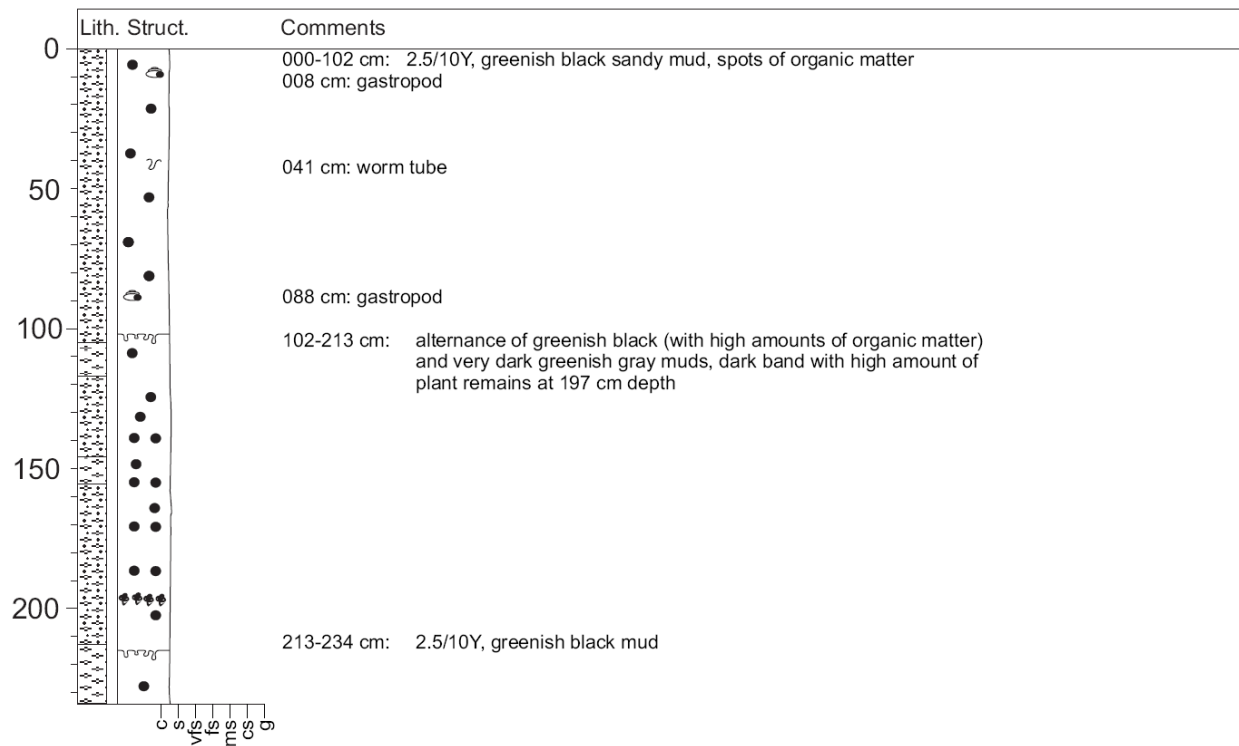
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Water Depth: 1891 m Core Length: 528 cm



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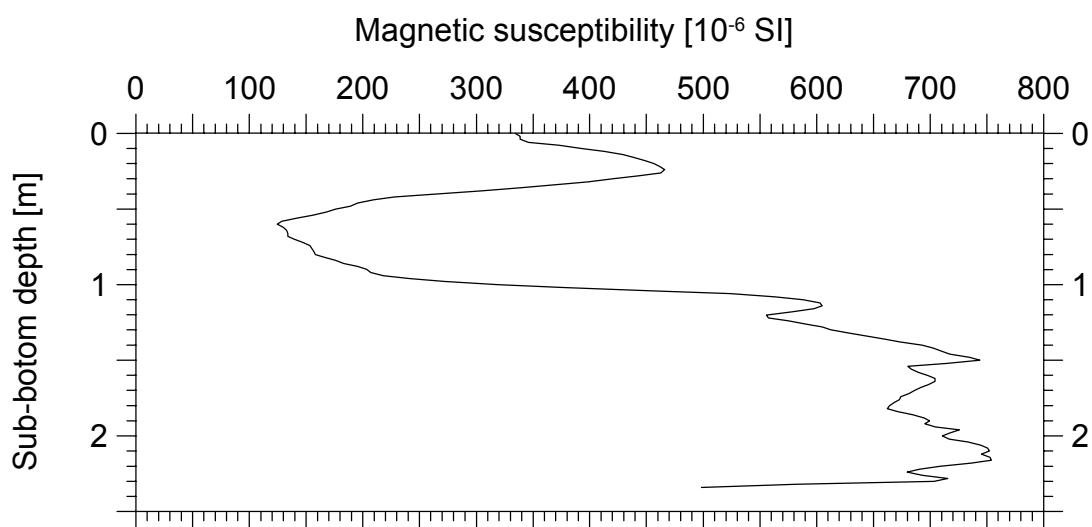
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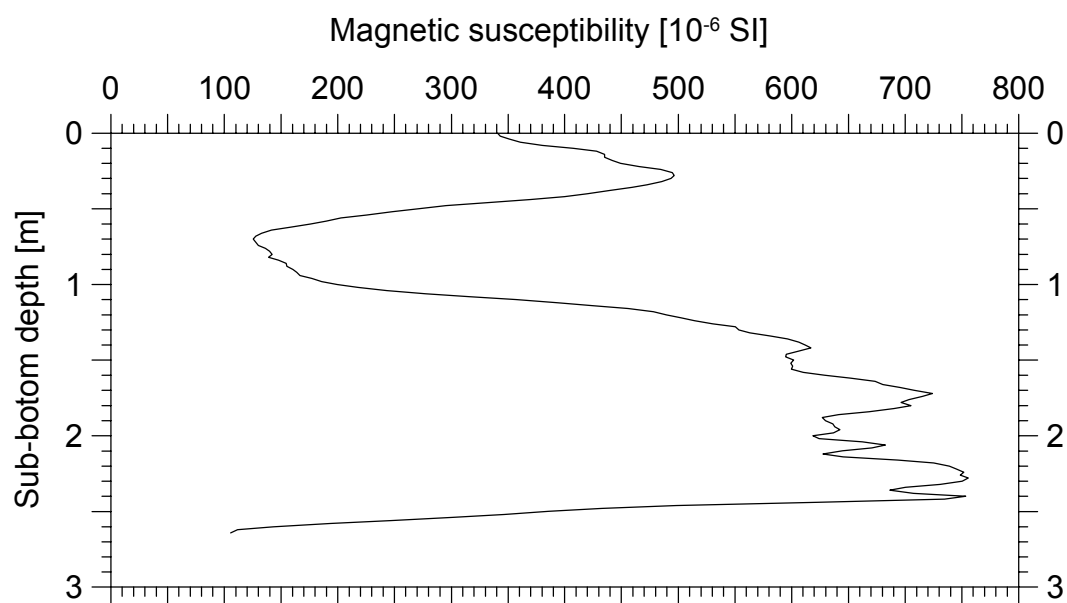
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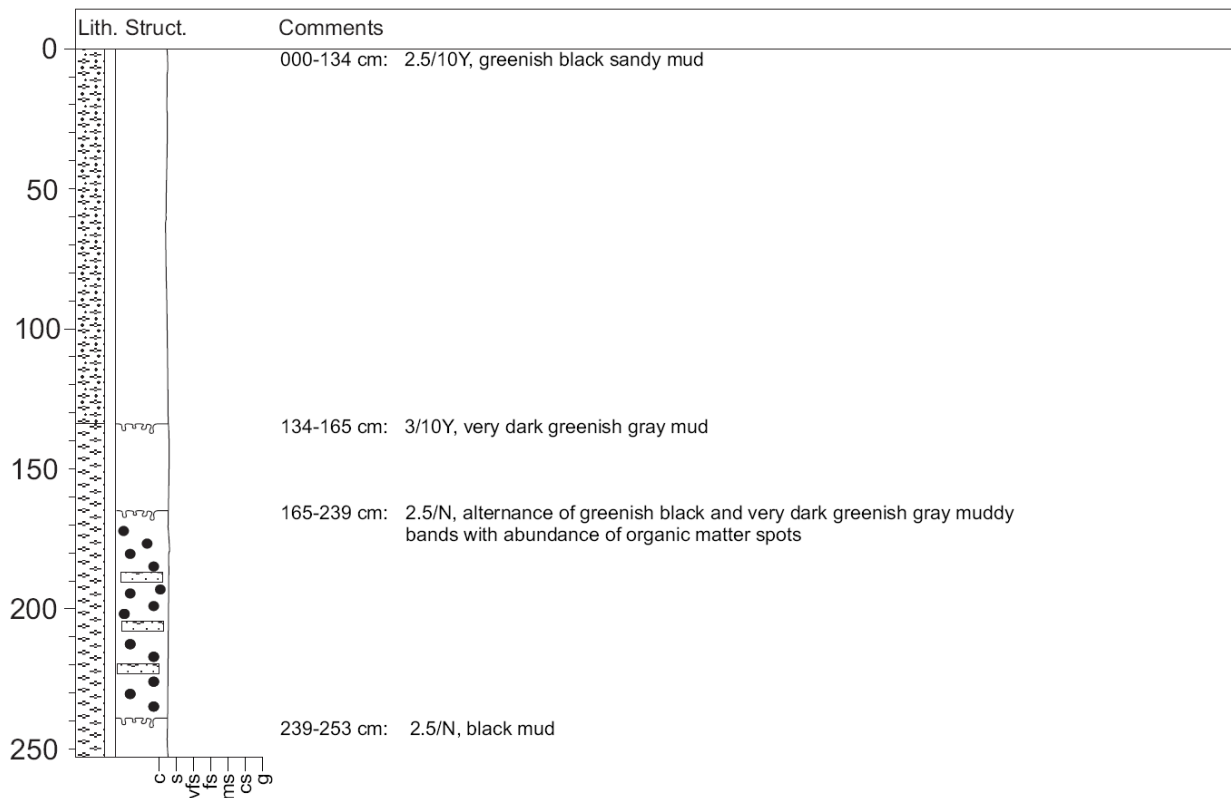
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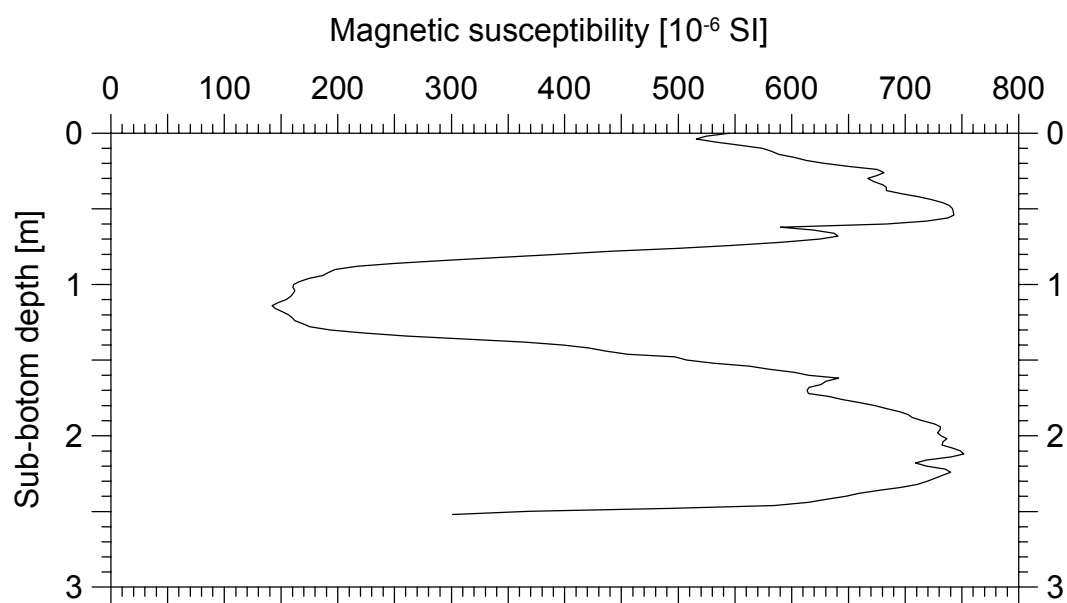
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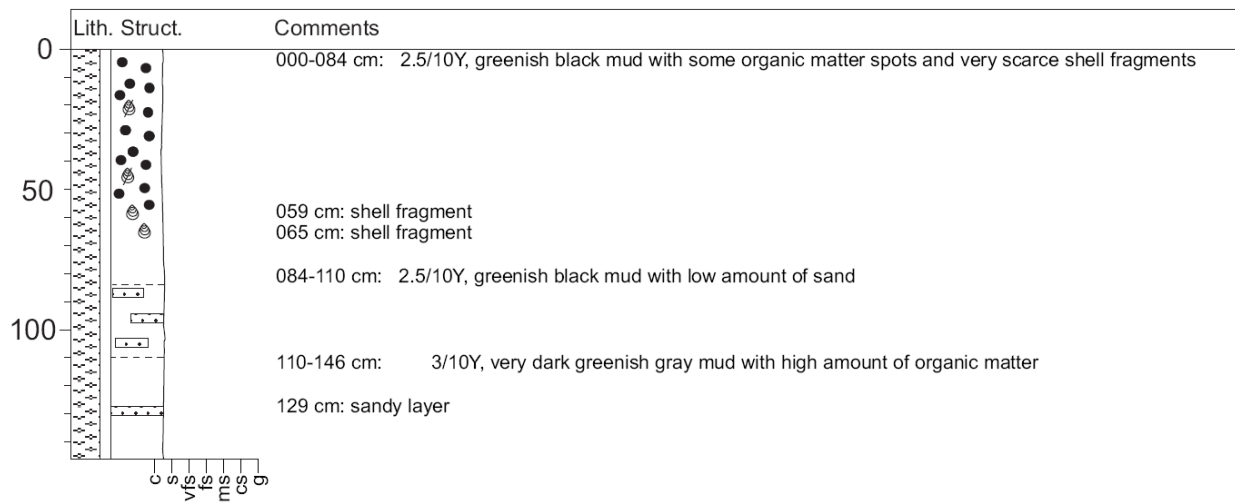
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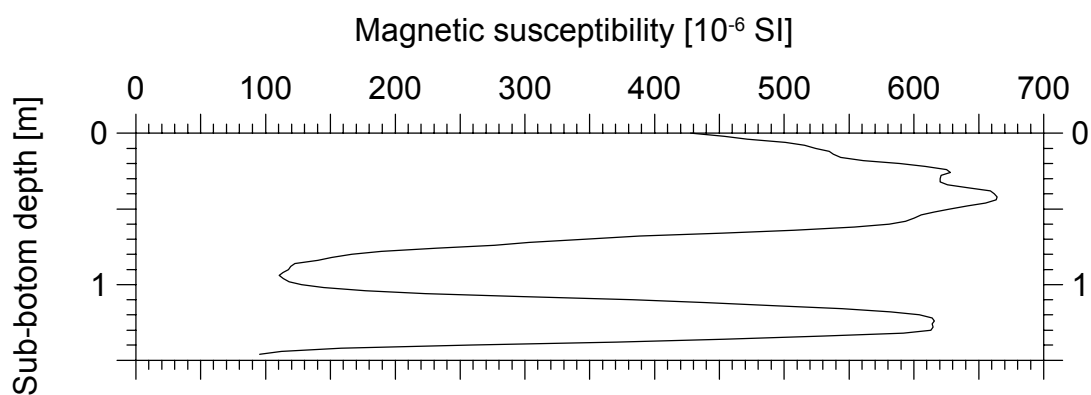
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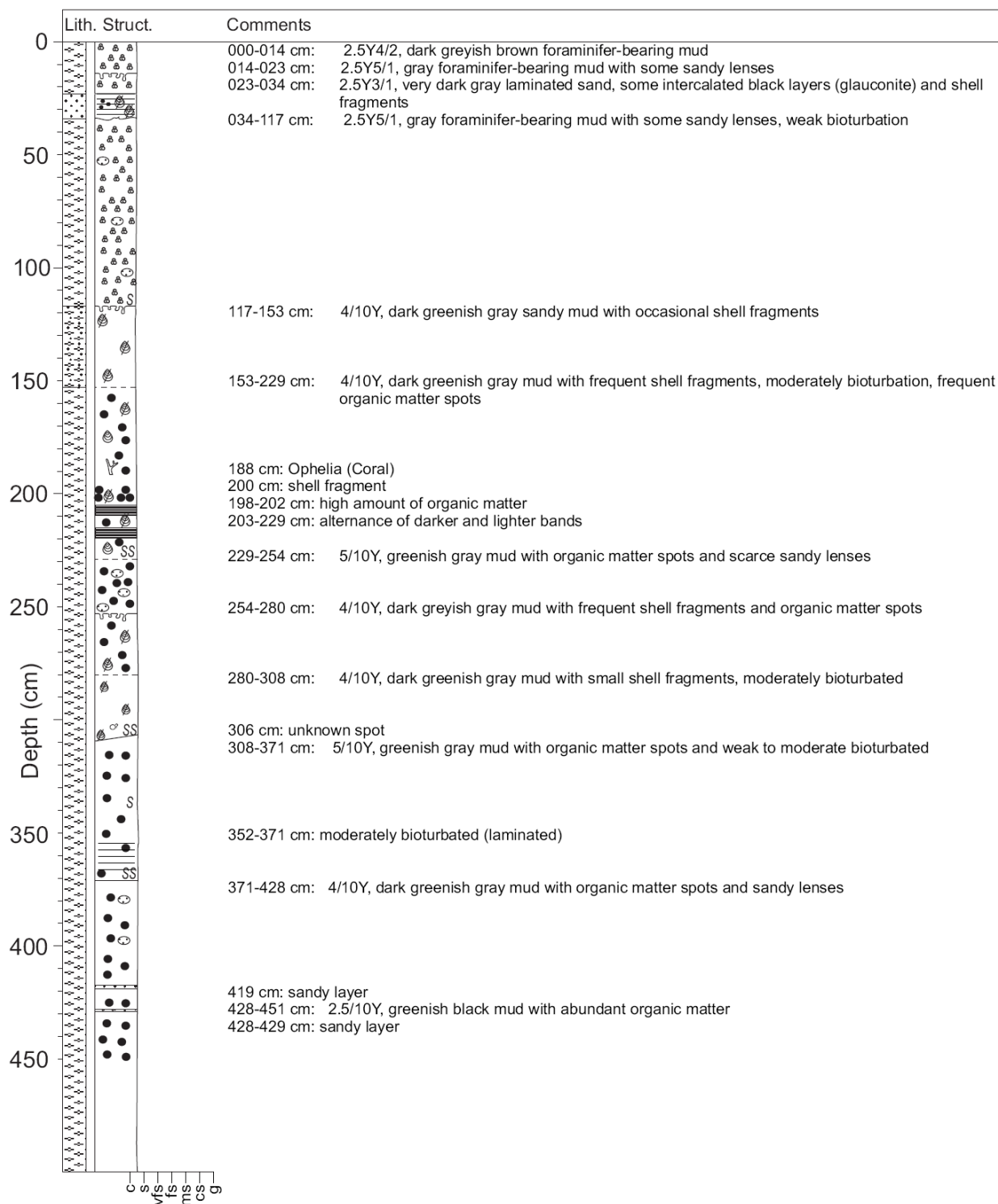
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Water Depth: 116 m Core Length: 146 cm



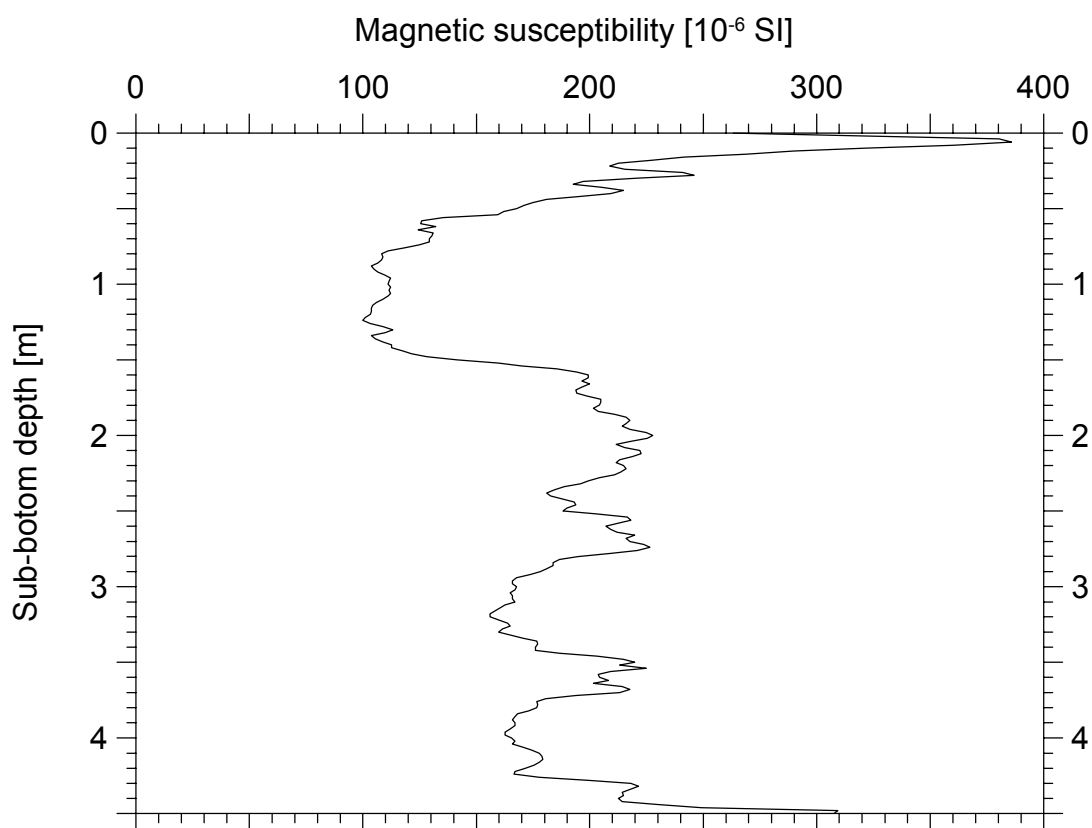
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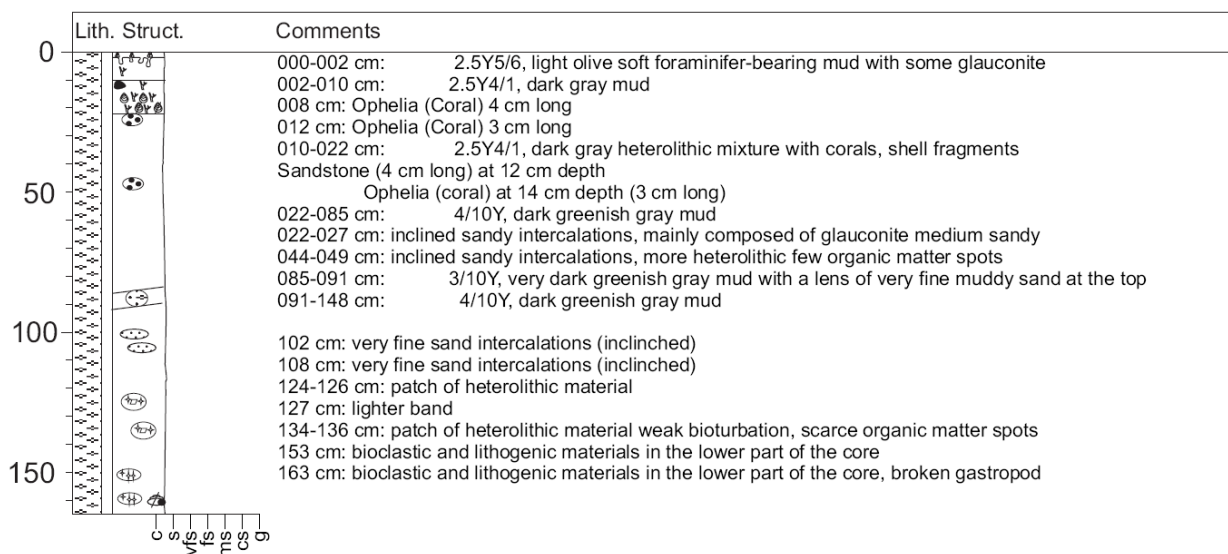
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Water Depth: 1394 m Core Length: 451 cm



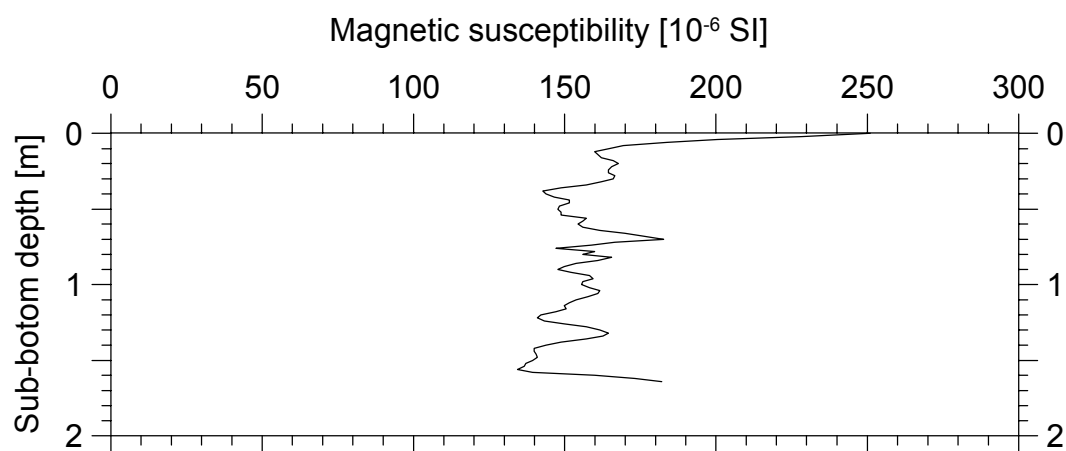
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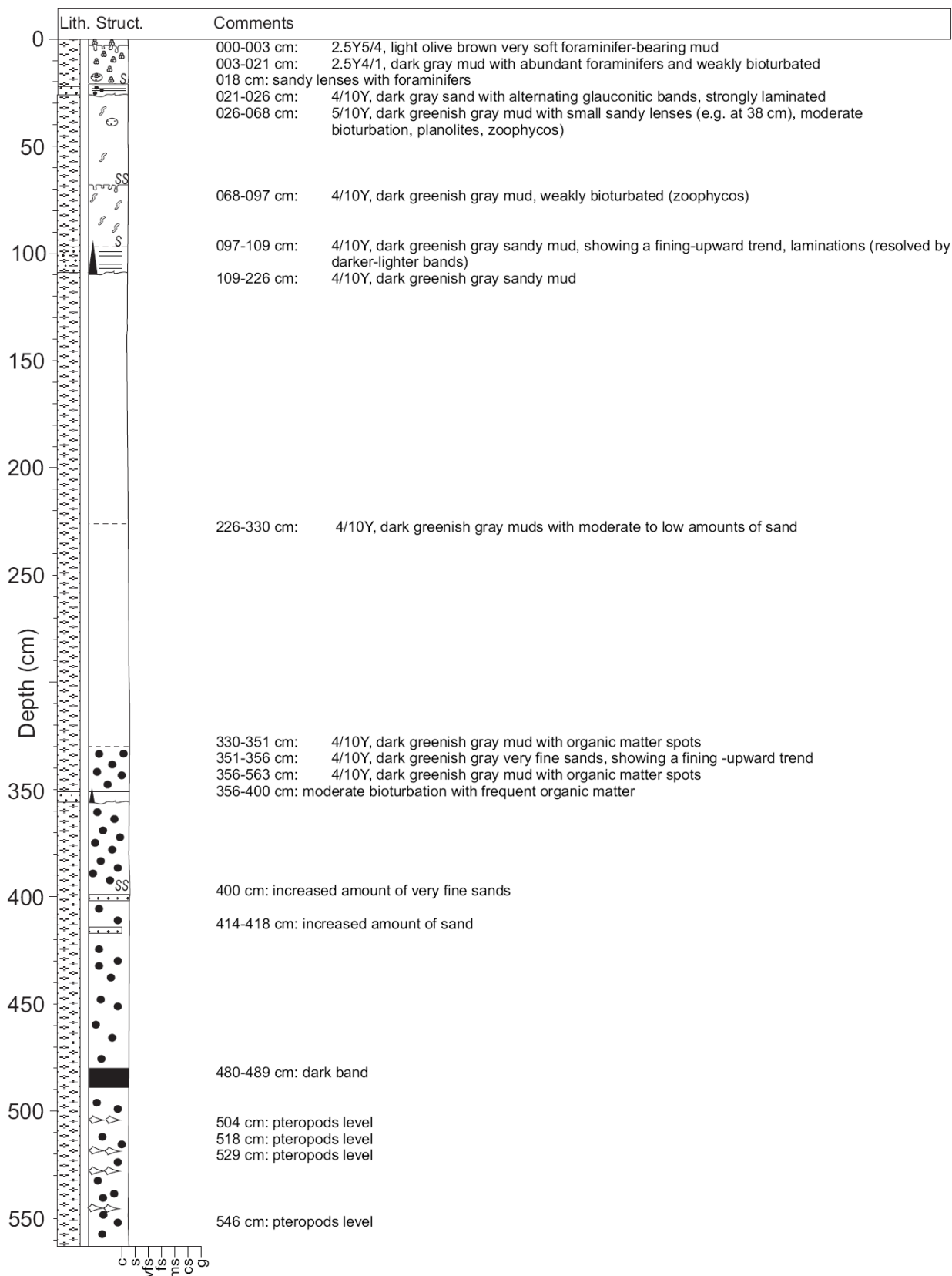
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Water Depth: 1406 m Core Length: 165 cm



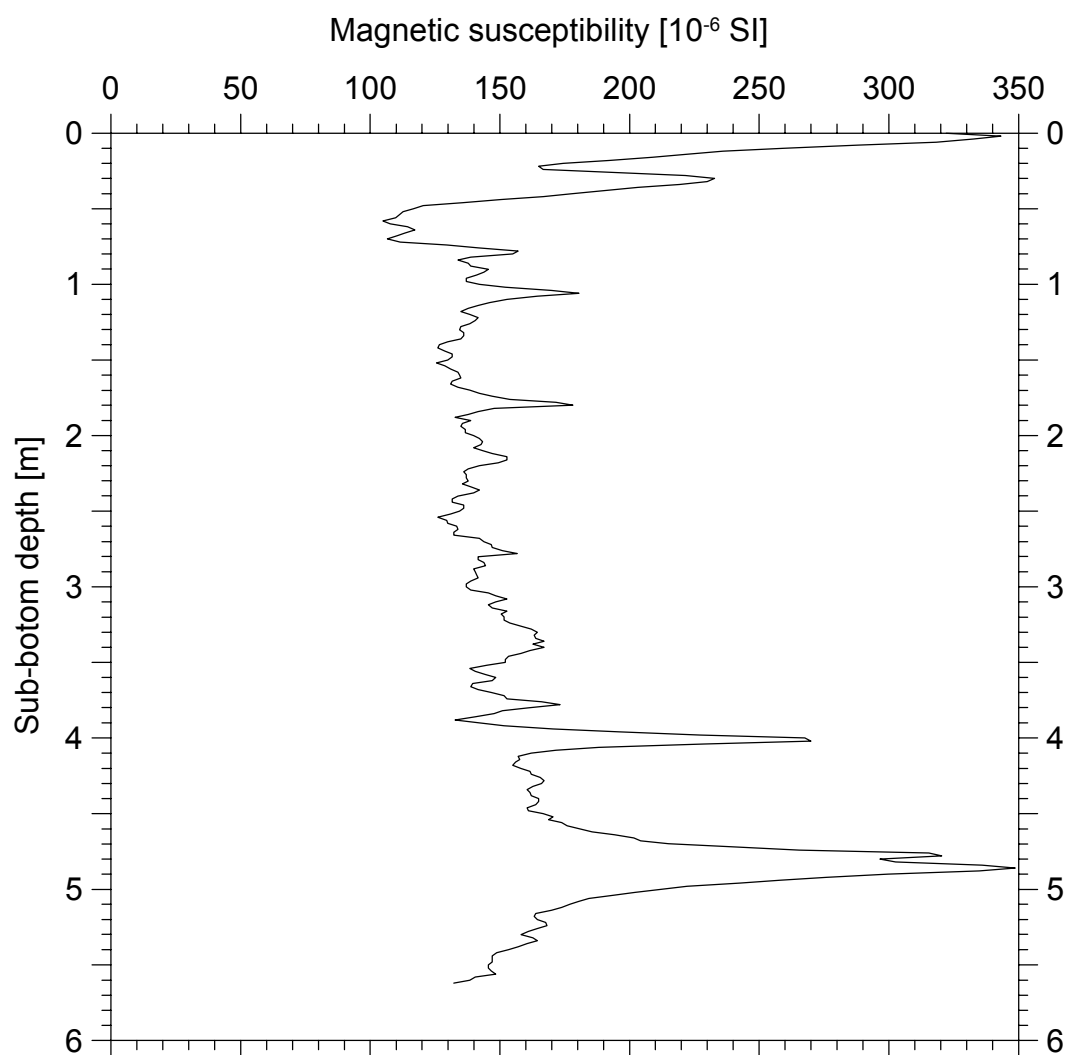
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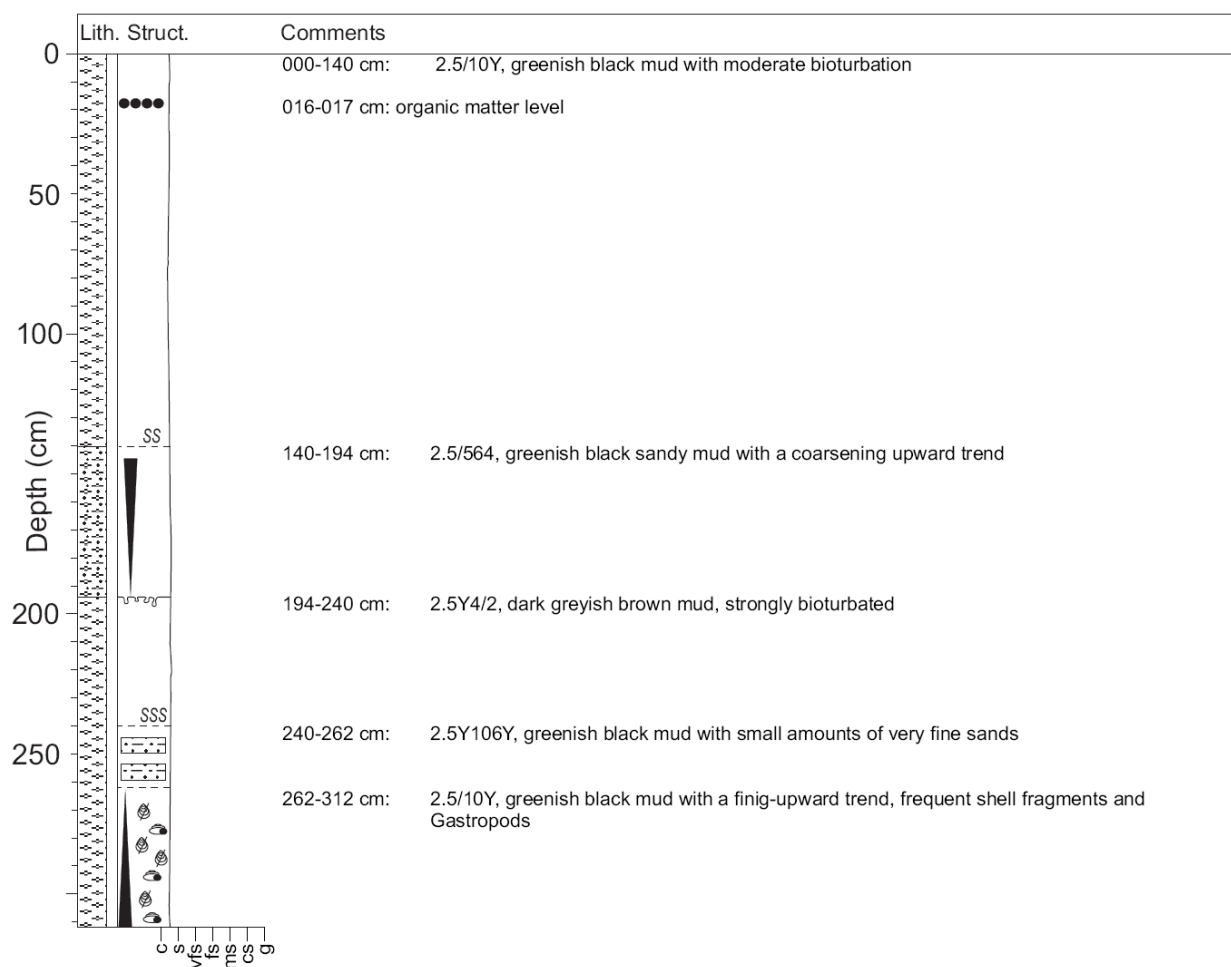
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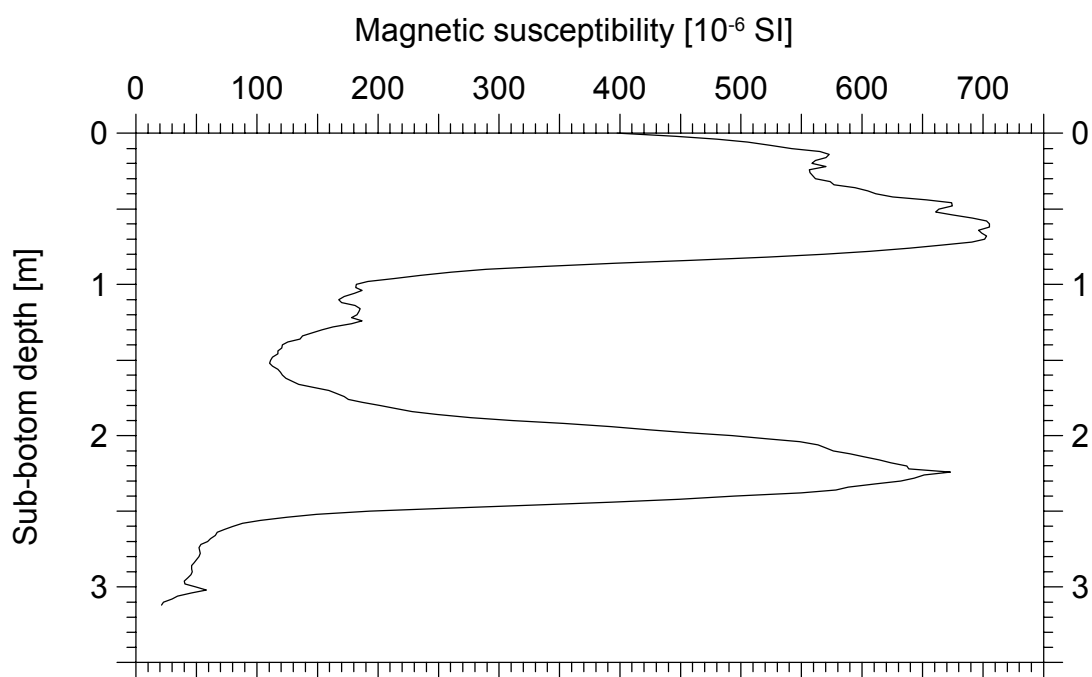
GeoB 15673-1_{GC}

Date: 23.05.11 Pos.: 42°12.998'N 09°0.679'W
Water depth: 112 m Core length: 312 cm



GeoB 15673-1

Date: 23.05.11 Pos: 42°13,00' N 09°00,38' W
Water Depth: 112 m Core Length: 312 cm



5.7 Pore-Water Extraction

(A. Andrade Grande, I. Rodríguez Germade)

Pore water was extracted with the objective of studying the diagenetical processes taking place on the mud belt. More specifically, it is expected to find the current position of the iron and manganese (oxi-) hydroxides reduction fronts, and the sulphate-methane transition zone. This will be achieved by determining the concentration of iron, manganese and trace metals both in pore water and in sediments, as well as the concentration of sulphide and sulphate in pore water. These results, combined with the results of the isotope ratio $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ of the sedimentary organic matter are expected to provide information about the relationship between the intensity of the diagenetic processes on the continental shelf and the nature and provenance of the organic matter. Further studies of solid phase geochemistry may help to the identification of pre-existing redox fronts that may provide diagenetic changes related to palaeoclimate and/or palaeoceanographic variability in the area.

For pore-water extraction, tiny holes were drilled in each core liner for insertion of *Rhizon* core solution samplers at selected depths (Fig. 5.24). Pore water was extracted with syringes and the total volume extracted by each syringe was divided in three sub-samples:

Subsample a: Selected for measuring sulphide concentration. Zinc acetate was added to these subsamples.

Subsample b: Selected for measuring metal concentration. Suprapure nitric acid was added to these subsamples.

Subsample c: Selected for measuring sulphate concentration. No additives were added to these subsamples.

Pore water was extracted from the following cores:

GeoB 15673-1 (41 samples, extracted every 5-10 cm);

GeoB 15675-2 (12 samples, extracted every 5 cm);

GeoB 15679-2 (20 samples, extracted every 5-10 cm).



Fig. 5.24: Pore-water extraction using series of rhyzons.

5.8. Acoustic Doppler Current Profiling (ADCP)

(H. Müller, B. Baasch, T. von Dobeneck, A. Andrade, I. Rodriguez Germade)

5.8.1 Methods

Current velocity and direction were measured on the Galician shelf using a 75 kHz and a 38 kHz ADCP. Measurements were performed along a continuous track starting on May 26th 9:30 am (UTC) until May 27th 5:00 am (UTC) during rough weather conditions (around 7 bft.). Current velocity and direction are calculated by using the Doppler shift produced by particles passing four narrow acoustic beams submitted by the ADCP.

The RD Instruments ADCP permanently installed on the ship's hull operates with a frequency of 75 kHz measuring current velocity and direction. The system was configured to collect data in 4 m steps (100 bins) up to depth of 400 m in narrow band mode. The incoming data were corrected for the ships movement using the ship's GPS navigation and gyre system. Additionally to the raw data, two different smoothed data sets were recorded averaging over an interval of 3, 5 and 10 minutes. Data stored in these averages were also filtered for data points with more than 50% reliability. This allowed fast visualizing and quality control of the recorded data on board.

Additionally the non permanent installed 38 kHz RD Instruments ADCP was used. The instrument also acquired data in narrow band mode. The maximum target depth was set to 2000 m in 32 m steps (50 bins). The collected values were averaged over an interval of 3, 5 and 10 minutes.

Table 10: ADCP Profiles on the Galician Shelf.

Profile	Start		End		Length
ADCP001	42° 04.270' N	9° 23.100' W	42° 04.270' N	8° 57.735' W	63.3 km
ADCP002	41° 57.950' N	8° 57.735' W	41° 57.950' N	9° 15.015' W	43.0 km
ADCP003a	41° 57.950' N	9° 15.015' W	42° 20.100' N	9° 11.800' W	41.2 km
ADCP003b	42° 20.100' N	9° 11.800' W	42° 36.610' N	9° 18.005' W	31.7 km
ADCP004	42° 36.610' N	9° 18.005' W	42° 25.640' N	9° 23.650' W	21.7 km
ADCP005	42° 25.640' N	9° 23.650' W	42° 25.530' N	9° 01.775' W	54.9 km
ADCP006	42° 26.420' N	9° 01.610' W	42° 28.080' N	9° 10.250' W	21.7 km

5.8.2 Data and Preliminary Results

A total profile length of 277.6 km was acquired along 6 profiles that follow EM tracks performed during cruises M84/4 and P366/3a on the Galician shelf between 41° 58' N and 42° 37' N (Tab. 10).

Exemplary data of 75 kHz ADCP measurements along profile ADCP003a and b (Fig. 5.25) indicate an inverse current direction of higher velocity in surface water (0-40m) in the northern part of the profile (Ensemble 127 – 150; 42° 26.3' N – 42° 36.2' N). At all, data quality is limited due to rough sea conditions.

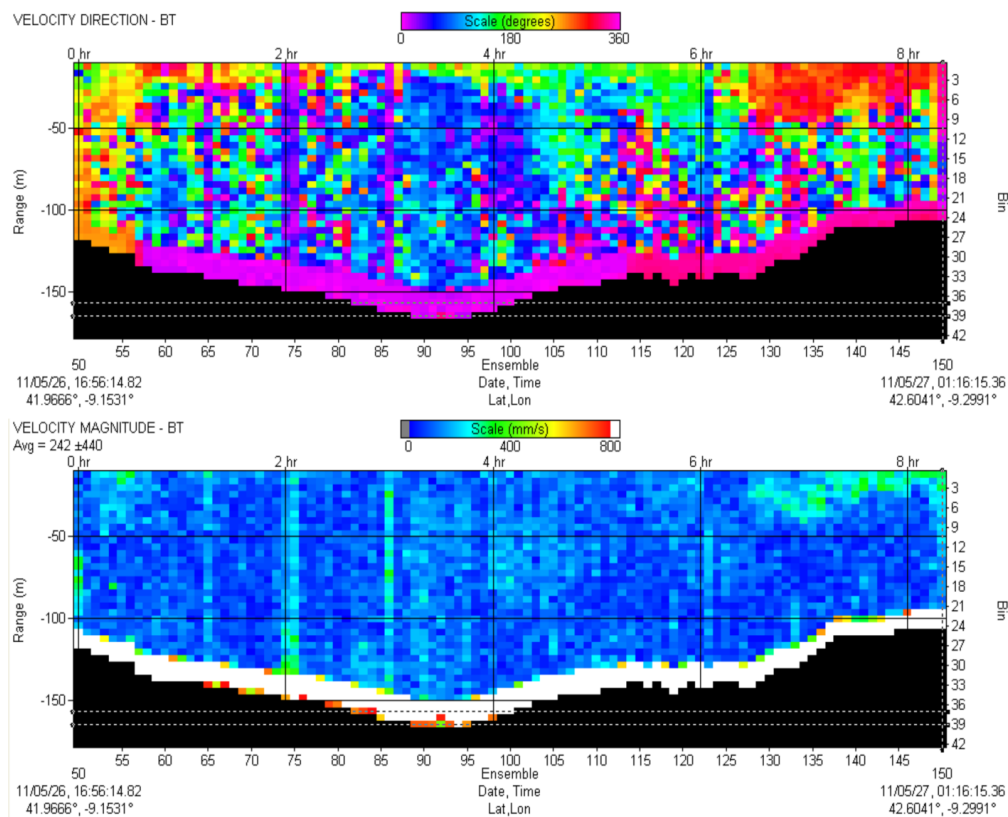


Fig. 5.25: 75 kHz ADCP data of Profile ADCP003a&b (S-N): Upper part shows the current direction; the lower part shows current velocity.

5.9 Water Sampling

(Karl-Heinz Baumann)

Coccolithophores constitute a significant part of the oceanic phytoplankton in the photic zone of the oceans and play a unique role in the global carbon cycle as primary producers and marine calcifiers. Recent concerns about climate change and the effects of rising surface ocean tempera-

tures and possibly increasing ocean acidification on marine organisms have triggered an increasing interest in coccolithophore ecology. It is currently not known if at all and how coccolithophore populations may adapt to proposed changes in their environment, but geographical shifts in the occurrences of species and assemblage compositions are already observed. The basic requisite to add to this aspect is the detailed knowledge of coccolithophorid spatial variations, compositions in their populations, and coccolithophorid production. Although general aspects of coccolithophorid biogeography and habitat are known from taxonomic surveys of the plankton and of bottom sediments in various oceans, little work has been done on absolute abundances relative to total phytoplankton or on absolute numbers of single species relative to ecological parameters in natural populations. Records on coccolithophores from surface waters off the Iberian Atlantic coast have been scarce so far.

Therefore, a detailed plankton sampling in a relatively small area off Galicia was carried out. At 12 stations five water samples were taken from NISKIN-bottles generally between 5 m and 100 m water depths (Table 11). The stations were arranged in two transects perpendicular to the shelf break as well as on a N-S-transect parallel to the coast on the shelf.



Fig. 5.26: The Niskin Bottles.

In addition, 41 surface water samples were taken from the vessel's membrane pump system at about 5 m water depth along the ship's transect (Table 12). Generally, up to 5 liters of sea-water were filtered through cellulose nitrate filters (50 mm diameter, 0.45 μm pore size) by means of a water jet pump immediately onboard. Without washing, rinsing or chemical conservation the filters were dried at about 45°C for at least 24 h and stored in plastic petri dishes. The filtered

material will later be studied using a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). Species composition and abundance will be determined by identification and counting on measured filter transects.

Table 11: Water samples taken from Niskin-bottles for coccolithophore analysis.

GeoB No.	Sample No.	Date	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W")	Water Depth [m]	Sampling Depths [m]	Filtered Volume [l]
15606-1	I-1	4.5.11	42° 26,21'	09° 38,19'	3595	5	3,5
	I-2					25	3,5
	I-3					50	2,0
	I-4					75	4,0
	I-5					100	4,75
15609-1	II-1	5.5.11	42° 24,65'	09° 47,35'	1938	5	4,0
	II-2					25	3,0
	II-3					50	5,0
	II-4					75	5,0
	II-5					100	5,0
15613-3	III-1	7.5.11	42° 27,05'	10° 03,00'	2642	5	3,0
	III-2					25	3,0
	III-3					50	2,0
	III-4					75	4,5
	III-5					100	5,0
15618-1	IV-1	11.5.11	42° 38,05'	09° 53,67'	2000	5	3,75
	IV-2					25	4,0
	IV-3					50	2,75
	IV-4					75	4,5
	IV-5					100	5,0
15647-1	V-1	19.5.11	42° 07,02'	08° 58,82'	98	5	2,0/1,3
	V-2					20	3,0
	V-3					40	3,50
	V-4					60	4,0
	V-5					80	4,0
15653-1	VI-1	19.5.11	42° 07,01'	09° 08,54'	144	5	2,0
	VI-2					20	2,6
	VI-3					40	3,50
	VI-4					60	5,0
	VI-5					80	5,0
15656-1	VII-1	19.5.11	42° 06,99'	09° 20,00'	220	5	2,75
	VII-2					20	2,5
	VII-3					40	3,0
	VII-4					60	4,7
	VII-5					80	5,0
15623-3	VIII-1	19.5.11	42° 04,36'	09° 32,69'	1621	5	2,5
	VIII-2					25	2,75
	VIII-3					50	3,0
	VIII-4					75	4,5
	VIII-5					100	4,5
15623-3	IX-1	20.5.11	41° 59,20'	09° 25,70'	1330	5	3,0
	IX-2					25	2,5
	IX-3					50	4,5
	IX-4					75	5,0
	IX-5					100	5,0
15663-1	X-1	21.5.11	42° 30,23'	09° 15,71'	126	5	2,0
	X-2					20	1,5
	X-3					40	2,0
	X-4					60	5,0
	X-5					80	5,0
15688-3	XI-1	24.5.11	42° 27,71'	09° 20,99'	325	5	2,0

Table 12: Surface water samples (5m depth) taken vessel's membrane pump system.

Sample No.	Date	Time (MESZ)	Location Latitude (N)	Longitude (W")	Water Depth [m]	Temp. [°C]	Salinity	Filtered Volume [l]
# 1	1.5.11	18:10	41°57,90'	9°22,07'	242,3	16,6	35,600	3,5
# 2		23:26	42°09,00'	9°28,72'	1204,4	16,6	35,774	2,5
# 3	2.5.11	04:23	42°10,92'	9°40,18'	2091,6	16,8	35,733	3,0
# 4		08:02	42°02,40'	9°39,53'	2037,1	17,0	36,630	3,5
# 5	3.5.11	01:05	42°28,67'	9°30,61'	1477	15,8	35,709	2,5
# 6		04:57	42°42,83'	9°40,49'	1417,4	15,9	35,700	3,0
# 7		08:33	42°49,48'	9°37,71'	797,3	15,8	35,716	3,5
# 8		11:19	42°49,98'	9°53,58'	2345,4	15,2	35,851	3,5
# 9		15:09	42°31,63'	9°53,06'	2375,1	16,0	35,875	3,0
# 10		18:20	42°21,42'	9°47,09'	1979,3	16,4	35,825	3,0
# 11		21:52	42°37,73'	9°48,73'	1885,3	15,7	35,851	2,75
# 12	6.5.11	13:49	42°24,29'	10°02,26'	2608,6	16,6	35,800	4,0
# 13		15:30	42°33,00'	10°03,00'	2575,8	16,0	35,803	4,0
# 14		22:01	42°28,60'	9°18,93'	180,6	16,6	35,726	3,0
# 15	7.5.11	20:46	42°15,38'	9°49,49'	2330,3	16,2	35,850	3,0
# 16		22:42	42°16,27'	9°29,04'	844,8	16,5	35,879	3,0
# 17	8.5.11	01:23	42°34,16'	9°25,49'	251,8	16,1	35,742	2,75
# 18		07:50	42°23,09'	9°22,50'	315,4	16,2	35,740	3,0
# 19		13:38	42°38,73'	9°34,29'	763,4	15,7	35,752	3,0
# 20		17:20	42°45,20'	9°48,77'	2218,2	15,5	35,779	4,0
# 21		18:42	42°43,90'	9°59,97'	2577,5	15,1	35,846	2,5
# 22		22:04	42°17,30'	10°01,50'	2568,7	16,3	35,822	3,0
# 23		23:33	42°05,35'	10°01,50'	2504	16,1	35,837	3,0
# 24	9.5.11	01:19	41°59,90'	9°55,50'	2067,6	16,3	35,818	3,5
# 25		02:33	42°10,10'	9°55,50'	2483,2	16,3	35,847	4,0
# 26		10:00	42°05,03'	9°50,66'	2318,6	16,4	35,835	4,0
# 27		19:40	42°00,00'	9°32,83'	1666,1	16,7	35,911	3,5
# 28	10.5.11	23:11	42°31,46'	9°46,18'	2211,6	16,1	35,825	4,0
# 29	11.5.11	09:45	42°05,90'	9°31,00'	1404,9	16,5	35,823	4,0
<i>PortStop</i>		13.5.11						
# 30	13.5.11	18:38	42°13,00'	9°02,70'	121,5	17,7	35,457	2,5
# 31		19:39	42°13,00'	9°13,46'	176,2	17,2	35,547	2,5
# 32		22:05	42°15,98'	9°17,85'	212	16,8	35,520	2,0
# 33	14.5.11	10:30	42°14,46'	9°37,20'	1885,8	16,3	35,870	3,0
# 34	15.5.11	01:10	42°07,00'	9°19,00'	206	16,3	35,660	2,5
# 35		04:23	42°06,80'	8°55,80'	64,2	14,7	35,850	3,0
# 36		09:57	42°01,56'	9°13,85'	145	15,6	35,687	2,5
# 37		11:24	42°01,57'	9°01,70'	111,2	14,7	35,855	2,0
# 38	16.5.11	15:14	42°07,00'	9°07,76'	142,1	16,0	35,656	2,5
# 39	17.5.11	21:46	42°21,46'	9°03,46'	109	16,1	35,579	2,0
# 40		23:56	42°29,81'	9°15,54'	128,7	16,4	35,556	2,5
# 41	22.5.11	22:10	42°22,29'	9°10,50'	141,2	15,8	35,498	2,0

Table 13: Niskin Bottle stations

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15606-1	ME844/357	04.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	08:55	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,19' W	1660
15609-1	ME844/364	05.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	05:26	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1938
15613-3	ME844/376	07.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	14:42	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2641
15618-1	ME844/387	10.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	22:45	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,67' W	2000
15623-3	ME844/461	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	18:54	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,69' W	1620
15647-1	ME844/446	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	09:20	42°07,022' N	8° 58,814' W	98,5
15653-1	ME844/454	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	14:15	42°07,01' N	9° 08,54' W	144
15656-1	ME844/459	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	17:21	42°06,991' N	9° 20,001' W	220
15657-1	ME844/465	20.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	04:15	41°59,17' N	9° 25,67' W	1328
15663-1	ME844/483	21.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	17:19	42°30,225' N	9° 15,711' W	125
15688-3	ME844/523	24.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	07:52	42°24,709' N	9° 20,991' W	325

6 Ship's Meteorological Station: Weather Conditions during M84/4

(Hartmut Sonnabend, Deutscher Wetterdienst)

RV METEOR left the harbor of Vigo on 01.05.2011 at 9 o'clock in the morning. The synoptic situation at this time was characterized by a flat trough covering the areas from Brittany over Northwest Spain towards the Canary Islands. Due to this constellation soft to moderate winds from northeast and a northwesterly swell of about 2,5 meters dominated the first working day at sea. This trough moved to the Central Mediterranean Sea soon and was followed by a ridge of high pressure. The wind shifted to northwest and increased for while up to force 5 to 6 Beaufort during afternoon and evening of 2.5., while the northwesterly swell remained essentially. Under high pressure conditions the weather became fine with soft winds from southwest during the following day and also the swell flattened down to 1,5 meters.

At same time an extensive storm depression developed over the Central North Atlantic and became stationary for a while at about 50°North/27°West with a minimum air pressure of 986 hPa. The swell which was induced by this system reached the working area of RV METEOR during 4.5. with an height of about 3 meters by average. The wind shifted to southwest to south and increased to Beaufort 6 in the afternoon of 5.5., causing a wind sea of 1,5 – 2 meters which crossed the still persisting westnorthwesterly swell of around 3 meters. The next day brought only little change to these conditions.

Until the following weekend a large new storm depression arrived over the central East Atlantic. In the evening of 7.5. it reached a position of 49°North/18°West with a minimum air pressure of 978 hPa and started to track from there towards the sea areas west of Ireland very slowly. Dur-

ing the approach of its coldfront in the afternoon and evening of 7.5., the wind increased to force 8 Beaufort, gusting up to force 9 from south to southwest associated with some heavy rain showers and a rough wind sea reaching 3,5 meter for a while. After a short post frontal break the wind soon increased again during the following night to southwest 6 – 7 Beaufort. The waves which had been produced in the southern flank of this storm depression reached the working area off the coasts of Galicia in the morning of 8.5. as an impressive swell from westnorthwest growing up to 4 – 5 meters until the evening of the same day. As the wind remained southwesterly around force 6 Beaufort the sea state became rather uncomfortable, impeding the working program.

Until the following day steadily rising air pressure had formed a small high pressure ridge which was connected with a high east of Newfoundland and another Anticyclone over the central Baltic Sea. Within its axis the weather became fine and the wind decreased to nearly calm conditions for a while. The northwesterly swell however remained high and flattened down very slowly from 4 meters in the morning to 3 – 3,5 meters in the evening. At same time a flat low centered over Morocco spread towards Spain and Portugal and pressed the axis of the high pressure belt a little bit northward forming a strong air pressure gradient over the working area. The wind shifted to northerly directions and increased soon reaching force 6 – 7 Beaufort in the early morning of 10.05. and Beaufort 7 to gale force 8 in the afternoon and evening of the same day. A rough wind sea was induced with maximum wave heights of 3 – 3,5 meters and in combination with the still existing northwesterly swell of around 2,5 meters, the sea state became rather uncomfortable again. As the synoptic situation with strong winds persisted until noon of 12.5., the northwesterly swell flattened more and more losing its meaning as significant disruptive element in the meantime. In the course of this day the wind started to decrease and became soft to moderate from north to northwest during the following night, when RV METEOR headed for the mouth of the Ria de Vigo. On 13.5. the working program at sea was interrupted by a short stay in the harbor of Vigo.

In the meantime a new large high with an air pressure of about 1035 hPa had established over the central East Atlantic. Its strong ridge extending across the Biscay towards France formed a sharp air pressure gradient in opposite to the flat low over the Iberian Peninsula. Soon after having left the Ria de Vigo the wind shifted to northerly directions increasing rapidly to force 7 Beaufort and up to 8 Beaufort until the morning of 14.5. Once more a rough wind sea of about 3 meters developed. After a short break with force 6 – 7 Beaufort during daytime, the wind increased to force 8 from northnortheast in the evening of the same day and reaching a new maximum of force 9 Beaufort before midnight. The sea became very rough and the wave heights rose up to 4 meters. Heading towards the coast the weather conditions and the sea state improved gradually during the second part of the night. In the morning of 15.05., when RV METEOR arrived right in front of the coast just a little bit south of the Ria de Vigo, the weather became fine with moderate to fresh winds from north to northeast and blue skies. The next increase of wind

was not as powerful as the days before, reaching force 6 – 7 in the evening of the same day and first part of the night. During the following 2 days generally fine weather conditions predominated with a gentle to moderate breeze from mainly northerly directions.

Between a flat trough extending from the Strait of Gibraltar towards Northern Portugal and a ridge of the North Atlantic subtropical high west of the working area, the northerly airflow speeded up gradually, reaching force 6 – 7 Beaufort in the evening of 18.05. The next morning however, only a few miles off the coast, brought favorable conditions again with moderate to fresh northerly winds. But a long termed swell from the northwest with heights of around 2,5 to 3 meters reached the working area in the early afternoon of this day, causing rather uncomfortable conditions in combination with the every evening increase of the wind up to Beaufort 6 – 7 from north to northwest. As the location of the next day working area was in some distance to the coastline the wind remained fresh to strong during the whole day. Back to the coast again the 21.05. brought the obligatory change between favorable conditions from morning until noon and a sharp rise of wind speed during afternoon and evening. No such significant amplitude was recorded next day when the northerly wind kept with force 5 – 6 and later on Beaufort 6 – 7 on a relative high level and a new swell from the northwest with heights up to 3 meters reached the working area during the night to 23.05. A short break until noon of this day with gentle winds from the north was followed soon by the next strong wind event lasting from early evening until morning of 24.05., when the wind calmed down to force 3 during station work near the coast. The following PARASOUND Profile however, carried out in some distance of the coast was affected by strong northerly winds up to force 7 at times and a rough sea. Next morning, when working along the coastline, the weather returned to fine and calm conditions.

But this didn't last for long time because the air pressure gradient between a new strong high located over the central East Atlantic and the constant flat trough over the Iberian Peninsula started to strengthen again. This constellation meant a period with strong to stormy winds from northerly to northeasterly directions for the final part of this cruise, starting in the afternoon of 25.05. and lasting until noon of 27.05. Especially in the early morning of this day gale force 8 with gusts up to Beaufort 9 were measured for some hours. In combination with a rough wind sea, which fortunately was blocked at times by the nearby land, a long termed swell from Northnorthwest of around 3 meters caused one more time uncomfortable pitching and rolling of the ship. From noon of this day wind and sea conditions started to improve gradually and fresh to strong winds from north to northeast dominated the last hours of this cruise. In the morning 28.05. RV METEOR put into the harbor of Vigo.

7 Station List M84/4

7.1 List of Station Data

GeoB No.	Ships station number	Date 2011	Gear	Gear Abbreviation	Time Sea floor (UTC)	Coordinates		Water Depth (m)
						Latitude	Longitude	
15601-1	ME844/351	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	7:48	42° 05,39' N	9° 24,82' W	867
15602-1	ME844/352	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	09:03	42° 05,19' N	9° 26,38' W	1092
15603-1	ME844/353	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	10:33	42° 04,89' N	9° 28,60' W	1426
15604-1	ME844/354	02.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	12:18	42° 04,79' N	9° 30,01' W	1598
15605-1	ME844/356	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	06:27	42° 30,58' N	9° 30,45' W	1524
15606-1	ME844/357	04.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	08:55	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,19' W	1660
15606-2	ME844/358	04.05.11	Multi Corer	MUC	09:46	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,21' W	1656
15606-3	ME844/359	04.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:44	42° 26,21' N	9° 38,21' W	1655
15607-1	ME844/360	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	13:54	42° 28,53' N	9° 39,39' W	1883
15607-2	ME844/361	04.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:48	42° 28,53' N	9° 39,39' W	1883
15608-1	ME844/362	04.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:00	42° 30,20' N	9° 40,23' W	2043
15609-1	ME844/364	05.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	05:26	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1938
15609-2	ME844/365	05.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	06:30	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1935
15609-3	ME844/366	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	08:37	42° 24,65' N	9° 47,35' W	1935
15610-1	ME844/367	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	10:58	42° 23,12' N	9° 52,26' W	2214
15610-2	ME844/368	05.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	12:54	42° 23,12' N	9° 52,26' W	2215
15611-1	ME844/369	05.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	16:01	42° 32,28' N	9° 53,12' W	2420
15611-2	ME844/373	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	07:49	42° 32,27' N	9° 53,10' W	2415
15612-1	ME844/370	05.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:11	42° 31,87' N	9° 53,08' W	2359
15612-2	ME844/371	05.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	20:37	42° 31,88' N	9° 53,09' W	2359
15613-1	ME844/374	07.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	11:06	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2639
15613-2	ME844/375	07.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:20	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2639
15613-3	ME844/376	07.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	14:42	42° 27,05' N	10° 03,00' W	2641
15614-1	ME844/379	10.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	04:26	42° 23,08' N	9° 36,64' W	1029
15614-2	ME844/386	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:53	42° 23,08' N	9° 36,63' W	1028
15615-1	ME844/380	10.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	06:41	42° 22,23' N	9° 42,70' W	1709
15615-2	ME844/385	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	16:34	42° 22,22' N	9° 42,70' W	1708
15616-1	ME844/381	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	08:34	42° 22,34' N	9° 42,31' W	1792
15616-2	ME844/384	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	14:36	42° 22,34' N	9° 42,31' W	1794
15617-1	ME844/382	10.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	10:22	42° 22,49' N	9° 41,72' W	1860
15617-2	ME844/383	10.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	12:25	42° 22,49' N	9° 41,72' W	1859
15618-1	ME844/387	10.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	22:45	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,67' W	2000
15618-2	ME844/388	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	00:10	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,66' W	2000
15618-3	ME844/389	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	02:30	42° 38,05' N	9° 53,66' W	2000
15619-1	ME844/390	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	05:32	42° 33,08' N	9° 53,21' W	2356
15619-2	ME844/391	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	07:41	42° 33,08' N	9° 53,21' W	2359
15620-1	ME844/392	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	11:07	42° 28,66' N	9° 35,16' W	1625
15620-2	ME844/393	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	13:02	42° 28,66' N	9° 35,16' W	1625
15621-1	ME844/394	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:01	42° 27,86' N	9° 35,18' W	1740
15621-2	ME844/395	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	16:51	42° 27,88' N	9° 35,19' W	1742
15622-1	ME844/396	11.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	18:50	42° 28,61' N	9° 30,64' W	1472
15622-2	ME844/397	11.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	21:04	42° 28,61' N	9° 30,64' W	1471

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15623-1	ME844/399	12.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	09:30	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,65' W	1617
15623-2	ME844/400	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:21	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,65' W	1619
15623-3	ME844/461	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	18:54	42° 04,35' N	9° 32,69' W	1620
15623-4	ME844/462	19.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	19:40	42° 04,34' N	9° 32,69' W	1616
15624-1	ME844/401	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:14	42° 03,97' N	9° 32,58' W	1639
15624-2	ME844/463	19.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	21:11	42° 03,94' N	9° 32,66' W	1636
15625-1	ME844/402	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	14:58	42° 04,81' N	9° 30,02' W	1598
15626-1	ME844/403	12.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	16:37	42° 05,20' N	9° 26,39' W	1089
15627-1	ME844/406	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	05:11	42° 15,49' N	9° 35,64' W	1903
15628-1	ME844/407	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	07:20	42° 15,21' N	9° 38,20' W	1961
15628-2	ME844/412	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	17:58	42° 15,21' N	9° 38,20' W	1965
15629-1	ME844/408	14.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	09:19	42° 14,47' N	9° 37,20' W	1885
15629-2	ME844/407	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:48	42° 14,47' N	9° 37,19' W	1885
15630-1	ME844/409	14.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	11:45	42° 13,81' N	9° 35,35' W	1891
15630-2	ME844/410	14.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:43	42° 13,81' N	9° 35,35' W	1891
15631-1	ME844/415	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:13	41° 54,90' N	9° 02,42' W	102
15631-2	ME844/420	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	16:26	41° 54,91' N	9° 02,42' W	101
15632-1	ME844/416	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	13:40	41° 55,40' N	9° 02,42' W	103
15632-2	ME844/419	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	15:52	41° 55,41' N	9° 02,42' W	103
15633-1	ME844/417	15.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	14:23	41° 58,41' N	9° 02,43' W	110
15633-2	ME844/418	15.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-3	15:03	41° 58,41' N	9° 02,43' W	109
15634-1	ME844/430	18.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	18:41	42° 06,99' N	9° 16,74' W	179
15635-1	ME844/431	18.05.11	Gaint Box Corer	GBC	19:42	42° 06,97' N	9° 11,80' W	160
15636-1	ME844/432	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	20:36	42° 06,99' N	9° 09,35' W	147
15637-1	ME844/433	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	21:07	42° 07,01' N	9° 07,96' W	143
15638-1	ME844/434	18.05.11	Grab Sampler	GS	21:36	42° 07,01' N	9° 06,85' W	141
15639-1	ME844/435	18.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	22:11	42° 07,01' N	9° 05,46' W	135
15640-1	ME844/436	18.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	23:08	42° 07,00' N	9° 04,07' W	132
15641-1	ME844/437	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	00:08	42° 07,00' N	9° 02,67' W	128
15642-1	ME844/438	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	01:08	42° 07,00' N	8° 59,71' W	110
15643-1	ME844/439	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	02:12	42° 07,00' N	8° 58,81' W	105
15644-1	ME844/440	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	03:47	41° 55,01' N	9° 00,00' W	87
15644-2	ME844/445	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	07:38	41° 55,02' N	9° 00,01' W	83
15645-1	ME844/441	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	04:30	41° 55,01' N	9° 04,01' W	117
15645-2	ME844/444	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	06:48	41° 55,01' N	9° 04,00' W	116
15646-1	ME844/442	19.05.11	Multicorer	MUC	05:15	41° 55,00' N	9° 06,01' W	122
15646-2	ME844/443	19.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	06:05	41° 55,00' N	9° 06,01' W	122
15647-1	ME844/446	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	09:20	42°07,022' N	8° 58,814' W	98,5
15648-1	ME844/447	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:03	42°07,011' N	9° 01,494' W	115,7
15648-2	ME844/448	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:29	42°07,012' N	9° 01,495' W	115,7
15648-3	ME844/449	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:43	42°07,014' N	9° 01,493' W	116,2
15649-1	ME844/450	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	11:25	42°07,00' N	9° 03,43' W	126
15650-1	ME844/451	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:15	42°06,999' N	9° 04,386' W	129,9
15651-1	ME844/452	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:58	42°07,00' N	9° 05,96' W	135
15652-1	ME844/453	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	13:35	42°07,00' N	9° 07,05' W	138
15653-1	ME844/454	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	14:15	42°07,01' N	9° 08,54' W	144
15653-2	ME844/455	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	14:47	42°07,01' N	9° 08,54' W	144
15654-1	ME844/456	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:21	42°07,00' N	9° 10,55' W	149,8

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15654-2	ME844/457	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:35	42°07,004' N	9° 10,556' W	149,8
15655-1	ME844/458	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	16:08	42°07,007' N	9° 12,229' W	160
15656-1	ME844/459	19.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	17:21	42°06,991' N	9° 20,001' W	220,8
15656-2	ME844/460	19.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:30	42°06,991' N	9° 20,002' W	220,5
15657-1	ME844/465	20.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	04:15	41°59,17' N	9° 25,67' W	1328,5
15657-1	ME844/466	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	05:08	41°59,177' N	9° 25,649' W	1327,8
15657-2	ME844/474	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	18:27	41°59,198' N	9° 25,629' W	1327,6
15657-3	ME844/475	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-2.5	19:51	41°59,200' N	9° 25,629' W	1326,9
15658-1	ME844/467	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	06:36	41°58,731' N	9° 26,660' W	1389,4
15658-2	ME844/473	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	16:45	41°58,726' N	9° 26,650' W	1393,6
15659-1	ME844/468	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	08:17	41°59,200' N	9° 27,927' W	1406,2
15659-2	ME844/472	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	15:05	41°59,184' N	9° 27,916' W	1406,3
15660-1	ME844/470	20.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	11:21	41°58,980' N	9° 28,681' W	1402,8
15660-2	ME844/471	20.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-12	13:00	41°58,980' N	9° 28,681' W	1402,9
15661-1	ME844/479	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	12:40	42°20,248' N	9° 12,022' W	145
15661-2	ME844/482	21.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	15:24	42°20,244' N	9° 12,025' W	146,02
15662-1	ME844/480	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	13:22	42°21,267' N	9° 12,403' W	150,8
15662-2	ME844/481	21.05.11	Vibro Corer	VC	14:26	42°21,268' N	9° 12,403' W	151,8
15663-1	ME844/483	21.05.11	Niskin Bottels	NIS	17:19	42°30,225' N	9° 15,711' W	125
15663-2	ME844/484	21.05.11	Giant Box Corer	GBC	17:52	42°30,224' N	9° 15,711' W	126
15664-1	ME844/488	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:12	42°04,255' N	9° 08,800' W	139,6
15665-1	ME844/489	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:53	42°04,255' N	9° 06,245' W	132,5
15666-1	ME844/490	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	08:27	42°04,249' N	9° 04,673' W	130
15667-1	ME844/491	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	08:55	42°04,253' N	9° 04,456' W	129
15668-1	ME844/492	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	09:27	42°04,231' N	9° 03,887' W	126
15669-1	ME844/493	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	09:58	42°04,255' N	9° 03,630' W	125
15670-1	ME844/494	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	10:36	42°04,24' N	9° 02,889' W	122,7
15671-1	ME844/495	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	11:21	42°04,244' N	9° 00,176' W	104,6
15672-1	ME844/496	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	12:13	42°09,997' N	8° 59,028' W	102
15672-2	ME844/497	23.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	12:48	42°09,998' N	8° 59,027' W	103,4
15673-1	ME844/498	23.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	13:44	42°12,998' N	9° 00,679' W	111,5
15673-2	ME844/499	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	14:18	42°12,998' N	9° 00,680' W	112,1
15674-1	ME844/500	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:00	42°15,990' N	8° 58,864' W	95,5
15675-1	ME844/501	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:34	42°16,004' N	9° 02,290' W	116,5
15675-2	ME844/502	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	15:49	42°16,004' N	9° 02,290' W	117,3
15676-1	ME844/503	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	16:18	42°15,998' N	9° 04,277' W	123,9
15677-1	ME844/504	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:05	42°19,012' N	9° 00,033' W	95,3
15678-1	ME844/505	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	17:41	42°18,993' N	9° 01,486' W	106,9
15679-1	ME844/506	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	18:18	42°20,334' N	9° 02,920' W	112
15679-2	ME844/554	27.05.11	Gravity Corer	GC-6	11:59	42°20,33' N	9° 02,920' W	112
15680-1	ME844/507	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	19:05	42°19,007' N	9° 07,002' W	135
15681-1	ME844/508	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	19:45	42°18,524' N	9° 09,999' W	143
15682-1	ME844/509	23.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	20:15	42°18,798' N	9° 10,457' W	145
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15804-2	ME844/546	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	02:51	42°15,208' N	9° 12,551' W	160,1
15805-1	ME844/547	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	03:25	42°13,297' N	9° 12,824' W	170,1
15806-1	ME844/548	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	04:26	42°06,452' N	9° 13,779' W	159,8
15807-1	ME844/549	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	05:22	42°00,572' N	9° 14,599' W	147,4
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15809-1	ME844/551	25.05.11	Rumohr Corer	RC	07:41	42° 10,02' N	9° 13,040' W	170,8

7.2 Documentation of Coring-Site Selection Strategy

7.2.1 Justification of the Individual Sites

For a better understanding and reproduction of the motivation why an individual core location was chosen, the following table lists information about:

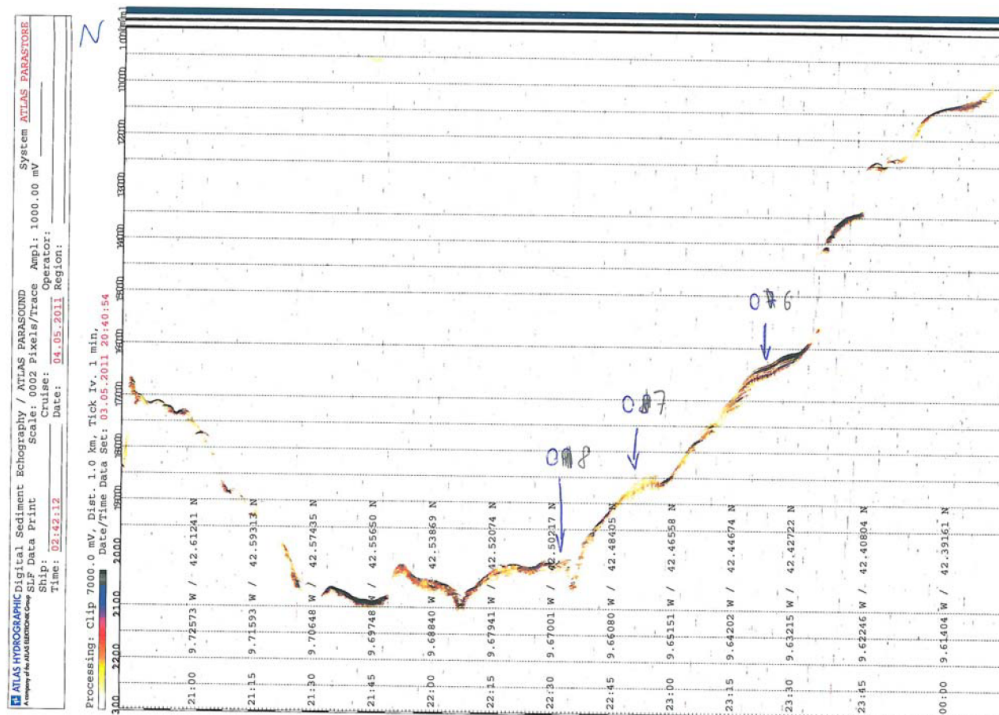
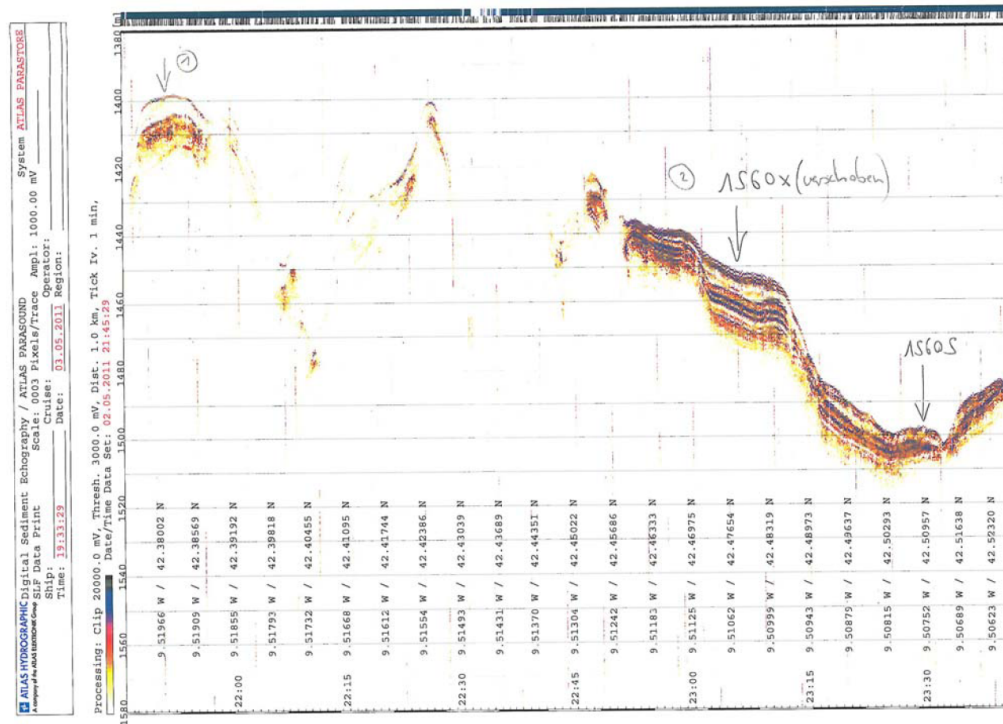
- 1) The general morphological conditions at the site location;
- 2) a brief description of the local strata appearance, mainly based on PARASOUND data;
- 3) the scientific motivation of taking a core there.

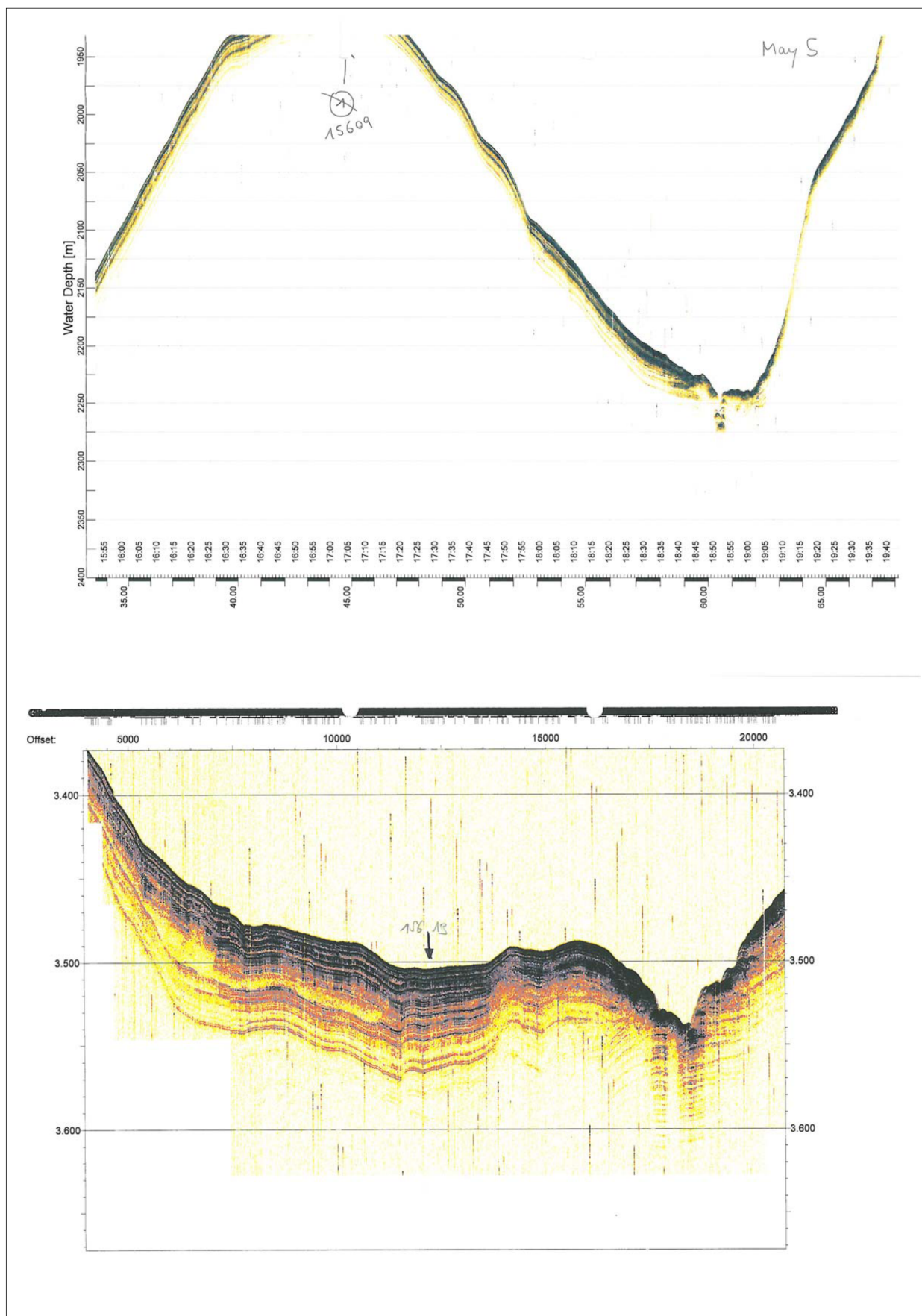
Core	Area	Local settings	Scientific intension
15601	Gully at 42°05' (middle position)	Gully entrance	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15602	Gully at 42°05' (middle position) (same as 15626)	Mid-course terrace inside gully, thalweg or terrace?	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15603	Gully at 42°05' (middle position)	Mid-course widening of gully	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15604	Gully at 42°05' (middle position) (same as 15625)	deposits in thalweg at exit of gully	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15605	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, upper part	Blocky material inside thalweg	Activity of canyon system, shelf export dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15606	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, upper part	Stratified sediments of elevated terrace in "theatre" exit	Activity of canyon system, shelf export dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15607	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, upper part	Stratified sediments of elevated terrace in "theatre" exit, located a bit deeper than 15606	Activity of canyon system, shelf export dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15608	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, upper part	Thalweg of main channel	Activity of canyon system, shelf export dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15609	Distal "end" (?) of contourite	Highest elevation of this contourite feature, thinning and draping of stratified deposits	Role of deep currents, sediment transport and distribution
15610	Basin fill	Contouritic (?) stratified basin deposit, maximum accumulation center	Role of deep currents, reference material from basin
15611	Main channel system	Thalweg with stratified (?) deposits	Role of channel system, far distance sediment transport and sorting
15612	Main channel system	Side flank, strong reflecting strata	Role of channel system, far distance sediment transport and sorting
15613	Central basin	Thick stratified deposits, typical basin fill, hemipelagic	Undisturbed reference material
15614	Mount-like structural height	Top sediments	Local source of deposits, current influence
15615	Contourite next to mount	Crest of contourite, nice stratified deposits	Current transport, sediment distribution patterns
15616	Contourite next to mount	Terrace inside moat, half-way to crest, stratified?	Current transport, sediment distribution patterns
15617	Contourite next to mount	Base of moat, debritic	Current transport, sediment distribution patterns
15618	Contouritic (?) ridge N of the main channel system, far offshore	Stratified deposits condensed, overlying older units, contouritic?	Origin of offshore deposits, role of ocean currents in sediment distribution
15619	Distal part of main channel system	N' flank of channel, debritic slide, typical for the N' flank setting	Transport modes
15620	Canyon system north of	Side terrace/levee with stratified sedi-	Activity of canyon system, shelf export

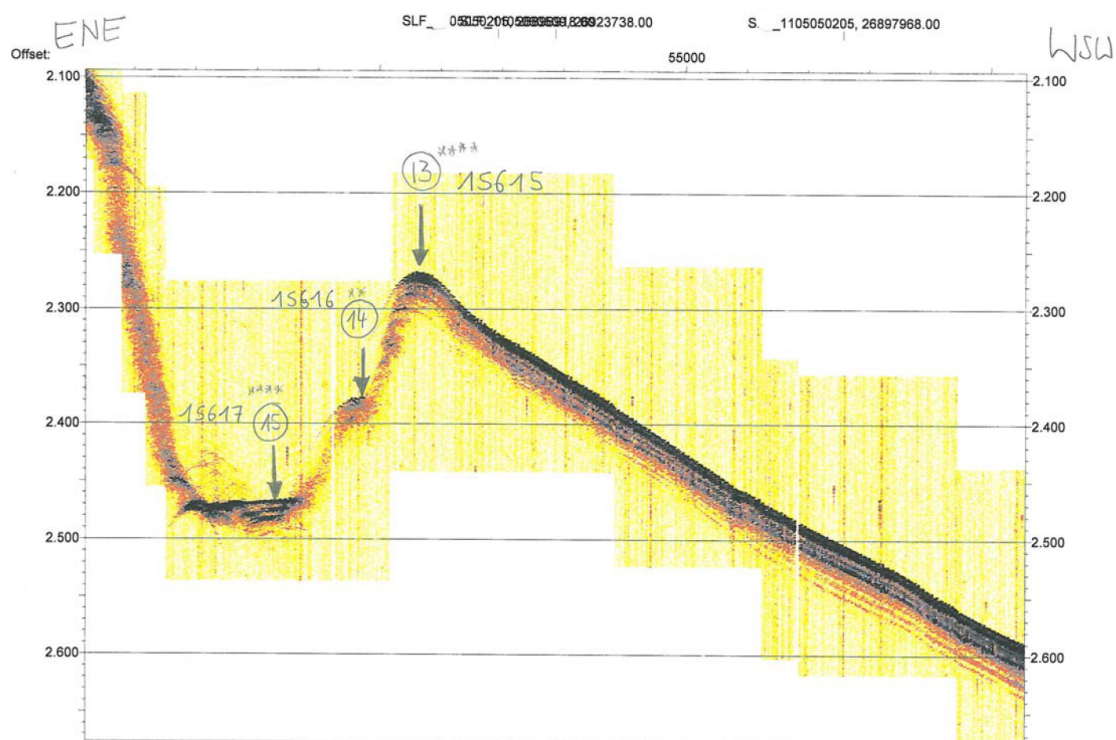
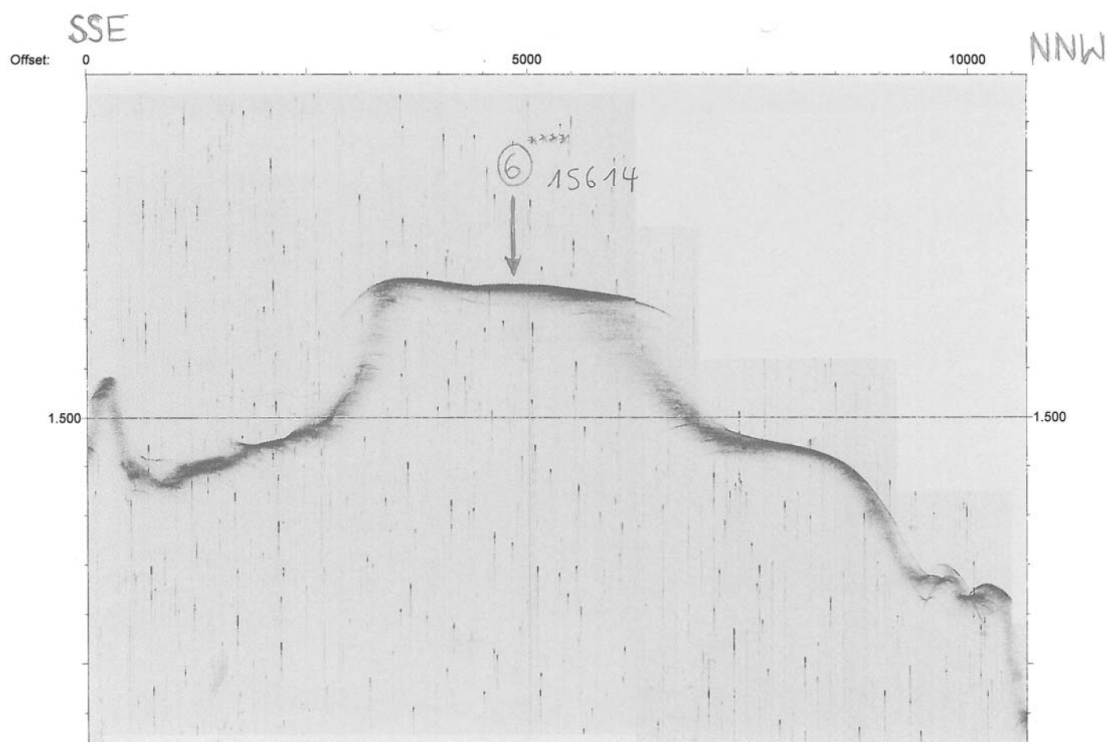
	mount, off Arousa, upper part, side terrace	ments, turbiditic?	dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15621	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, upper part, side terrace	Canyon thalweg, chaotic facies	Activity of canyon system, shelf export dynamics, downslope transport patterns
15622	Canyon system north of mount, off Arousa, uppermost part, side terrace	Terrace, thick stratified deposit draping the relief	Canyon activity, downslope transport dynamics, first depocenter off the shelf break
15623	Gully at 42°05' (middle position)	Slightly elevated "ridge" in front of the gully, stratified deposits, contouritic?	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15624	Gully at 42°05' (middle position)	Local depression fill in the gully mouth, debritic	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, pathway into the basin
15625	Gully at 42°05' (middle position) (same as GeoB 15604)	deposits in thalweg at exit of gully	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15626	Gully at 42°05' (middle position) (same station as GeoB 15602)	Mid-course terrace inside gully, thalweg or terrace?	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15627	Gully at 42°15' (northern position, S of mount)	Slightly stratified deposits on terrace in the middle run of the gully	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, most proximal depocenter off the shelf break
15628	Gully at 42°15' (northern position, S of mount)	Nicely stratified deposits in local "basin" in front of the gully mouth	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, most proximal depocenter at the slope
15629	Gully at 42°15' (northern position, S of mount)	Slightly elevated "ridge" in front of the gully mouth, contouritic (?) stratified	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15630	Gully at 42°15' (northern position, S of mount)	Local depression fill inside the gully mouth, debritic	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics
15631	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Mudbelt, 0.5 nm S of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15632	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Mudbelt, 250 m W of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15633	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Mudbelt 3 nm N + 250 W of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15634-43			Rumohr core transect along EM-Profile
15644	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Transect slightly S of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15645	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Transect slightly S of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15646	Inner shelf S of Ría de Vigo	Transect slightly S of ship wreck	Sediment transport, effect of bottom trawling, current upstream
15647-56			Rumohr core transect along EM-Profile
15657	Gully at 41°58' (southern position)	Mid-course thalweg of gully	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, first deposition off shelf break
15658	Gully at 41°58' (southern position)	Mid-course thalweg of gully, slightly deeper than 15657	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, first deposition off shelf break
15659	Gully at 41°58' (southern position)	N flank in gully exit	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, first deposition off shelf break
15660	Gully at 41°58' (southern position)	Directly inside gully exit, widening and shallowing of thalweg, stratified sediments on "ridge"	Gully activity, shelf export dynamics, first deposition off shelf break
15661	Midshelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Field of wave-shaped ridges, crest of ridge, ruppy basal reflector	Sediment transport and distribution patterns
15662	Midshelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Field of wave-shaped ridges, swale between two ridges	Sediment transport and distribution patterns
15663	Mid-shelf off Ría de Arousa	Ripple-like feature, extent of mudbelt?	Mudbelt evolution + budget calculation, sediment transport pattern
15664-72			Rumohr core transect along EM-Profile
15673	Off the islands in front of Ría de Vigo	Central mudbelt with greatest thickness, two sub-units in PARASOUND	Mudbelt evolution + budget calculation
15674	Inner shelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Local mud depocenters as part of the main mudbelt, between rocky spots	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15675	Inner shelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Local mud depocenters as part of the main mudbelt, between rocky spots	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15676	Inner shelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Local mud depocenters as part of the main mudbelt, between rocky spots	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics

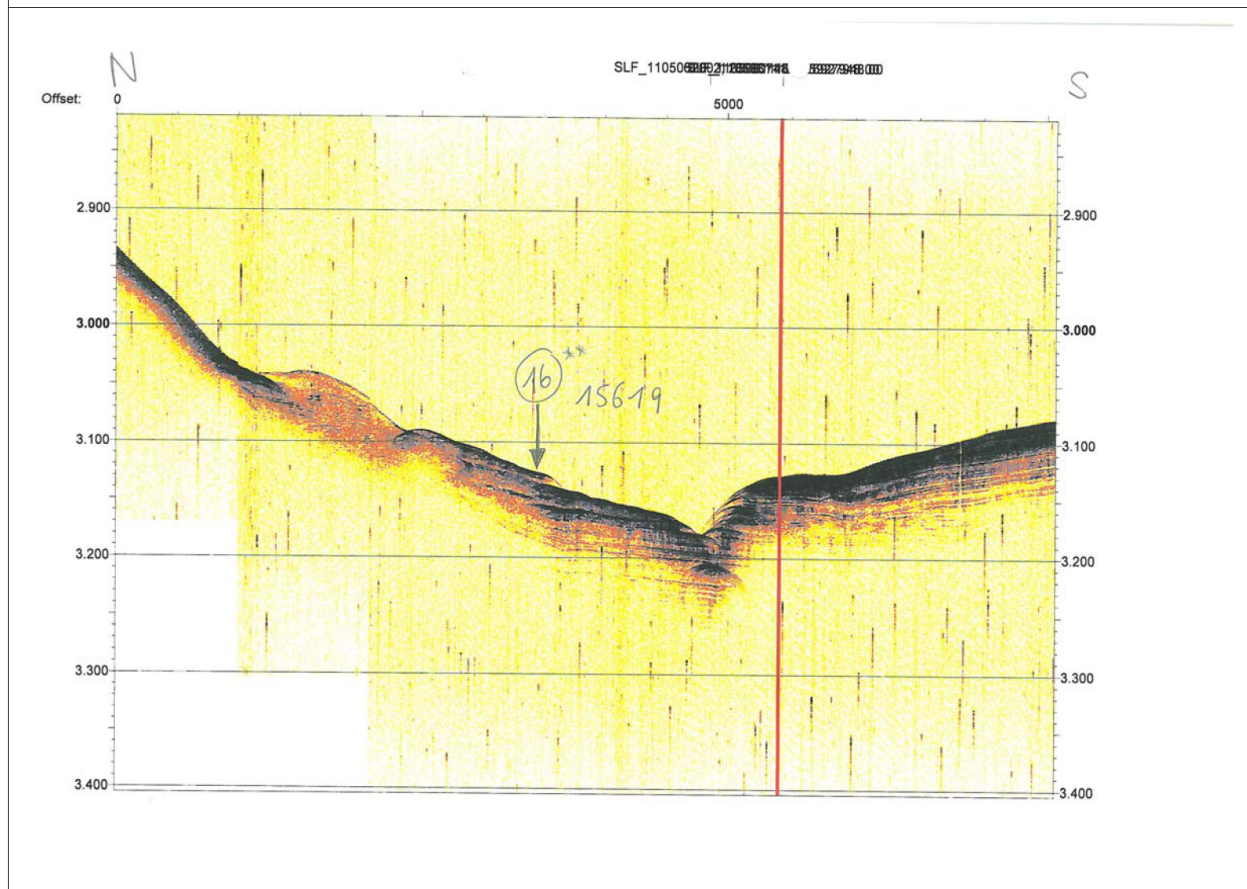
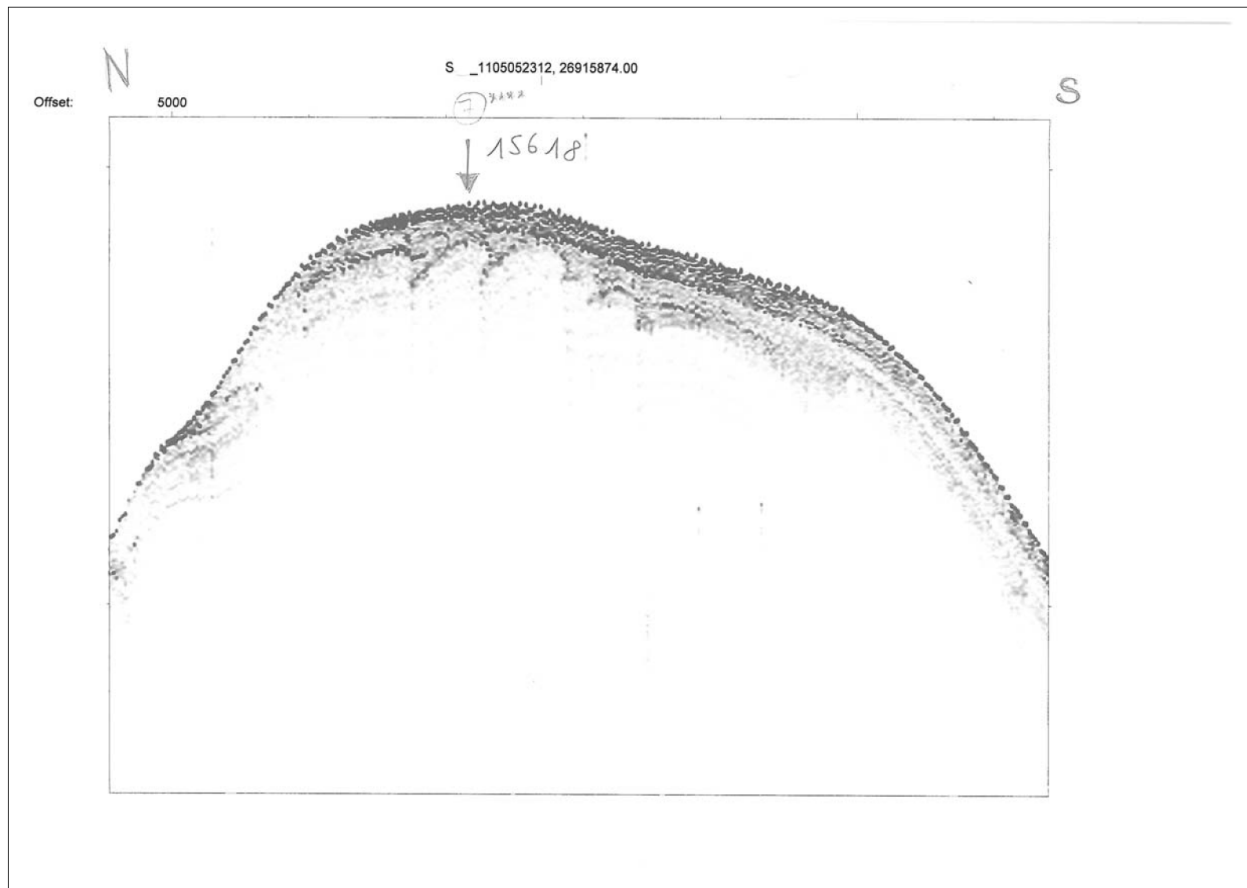
15677	Directly off Ría de Pontevedra	Local mud depocenters as part of the main mudbelt, between rocky spots	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15678	Directly off Ría de Pontevedra	Isolated sediment patch, local mud depocenters as part of the main mudbelt, between rocky spots	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics, insight into mudbelt margin dynamics
15679	Mid-shelf off Ría de Pontevedra, across the rocky outlet	Thick isolated depocenter off mudbelt	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15680	S off the Ría de Arousa	Local depocenter behind submarine rock outcrop	Sediment transport pattern
15681	Mid-shelf off Ría de Pontevedra	Older reflector close to surface	Stratigraphic framework
15682	Mid-shelf off Ría de Pontevedra	PARASOUND shows anormal deep "spike"	Gas vent?
15683	Inner shelf between Rías de Arousa and Pontevedra	Thick mud depocenter	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15684	Inner shelf off Ría de Arousa	Thick sediment wedge laying around a steep rocky elevation	Mudbelt evolution, budget calculation, transport dynamics
15685	Rocky area off Ría de Arousa (heavy fishing activity?)	Older reflectors close to surface	Sediment transport and distribution patterns
15686	Rocky area off Ría de Arousa (heavy fishing activity?)	Distal pinch-out of this deposit overlying older units	Sediment transport and distribution patterns
15687	Rocky area off Ría de Arousa (heavy fishing activity?)	Current-dominated thick deposits at rock outcrop ("contouritic")	Sediment transport and distribution patterns
15688	Head of main canyon system N of mount	Terrace just below shelf break, nicely stratified sediments and slumped material	Shelf sediment export dynamics, most proximal depocenter off the shelf break
15689	Head of main canyon system N of mount	Thalweg with slightly stratified base	Shelf sediment export dynamics
15690	Head of main canyon system N of mount	Thalweg with slightly stratified base	Shelf sediment export dynamics
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15694-15709			Rumohr core transect along EM-Profile

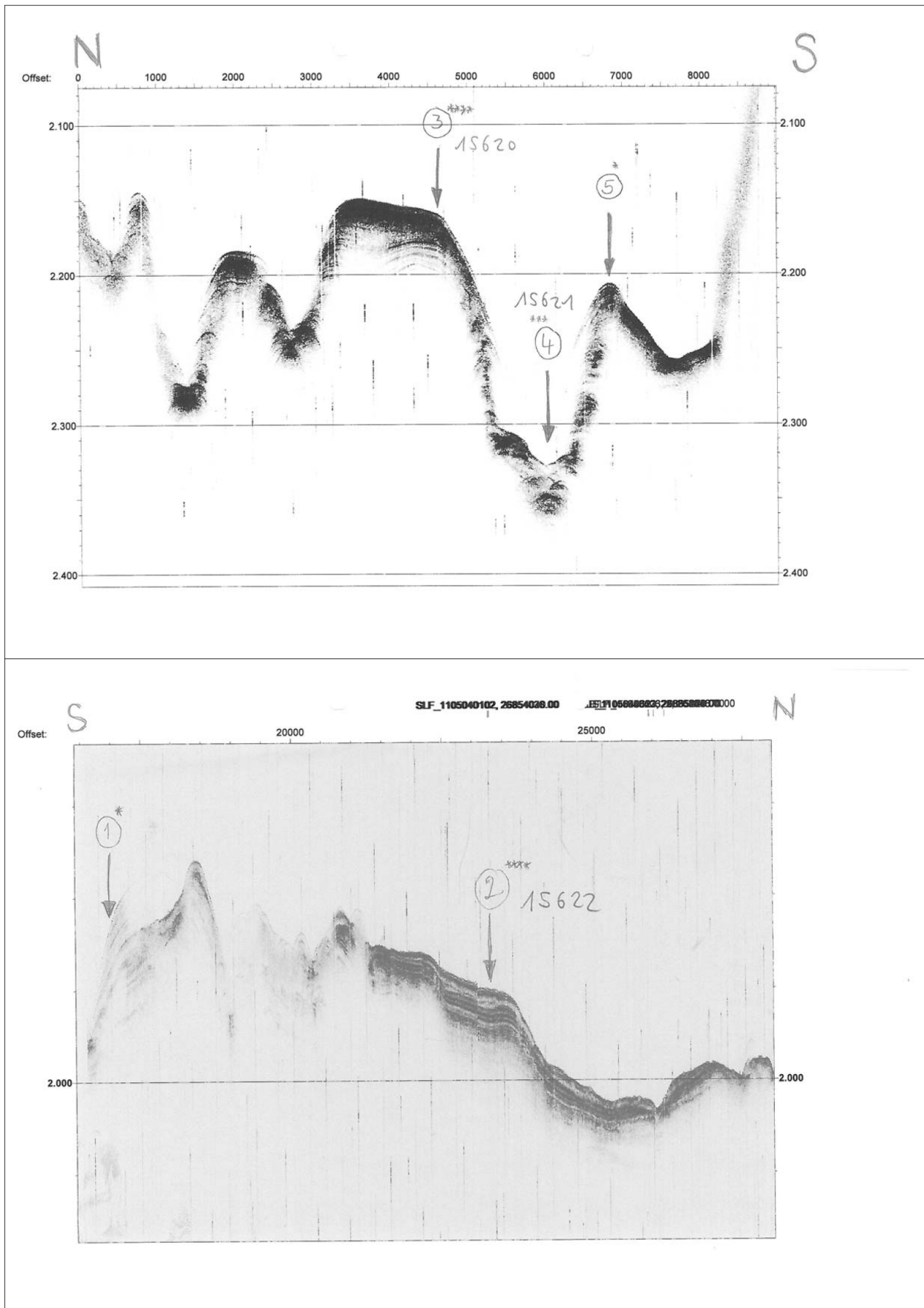
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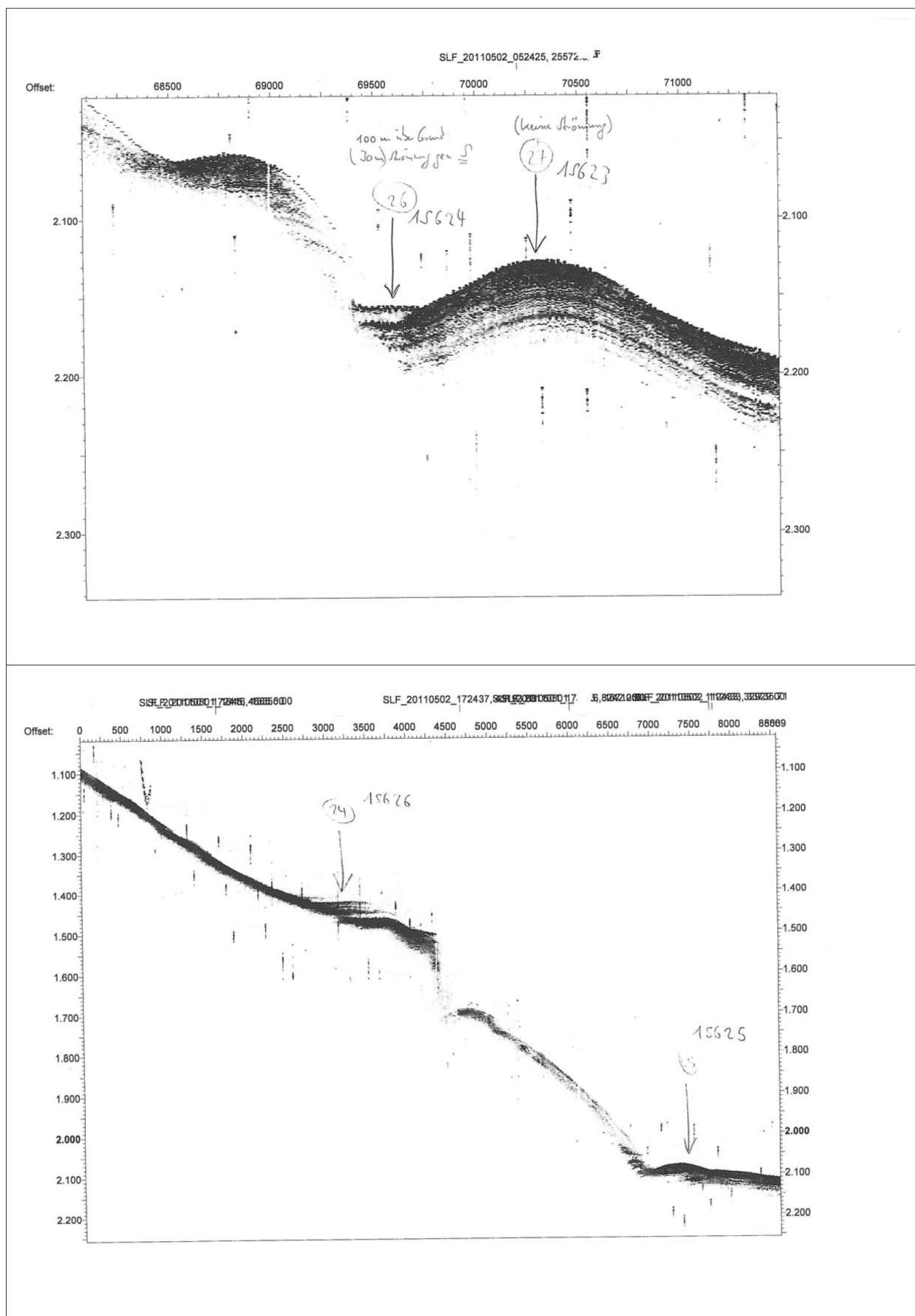


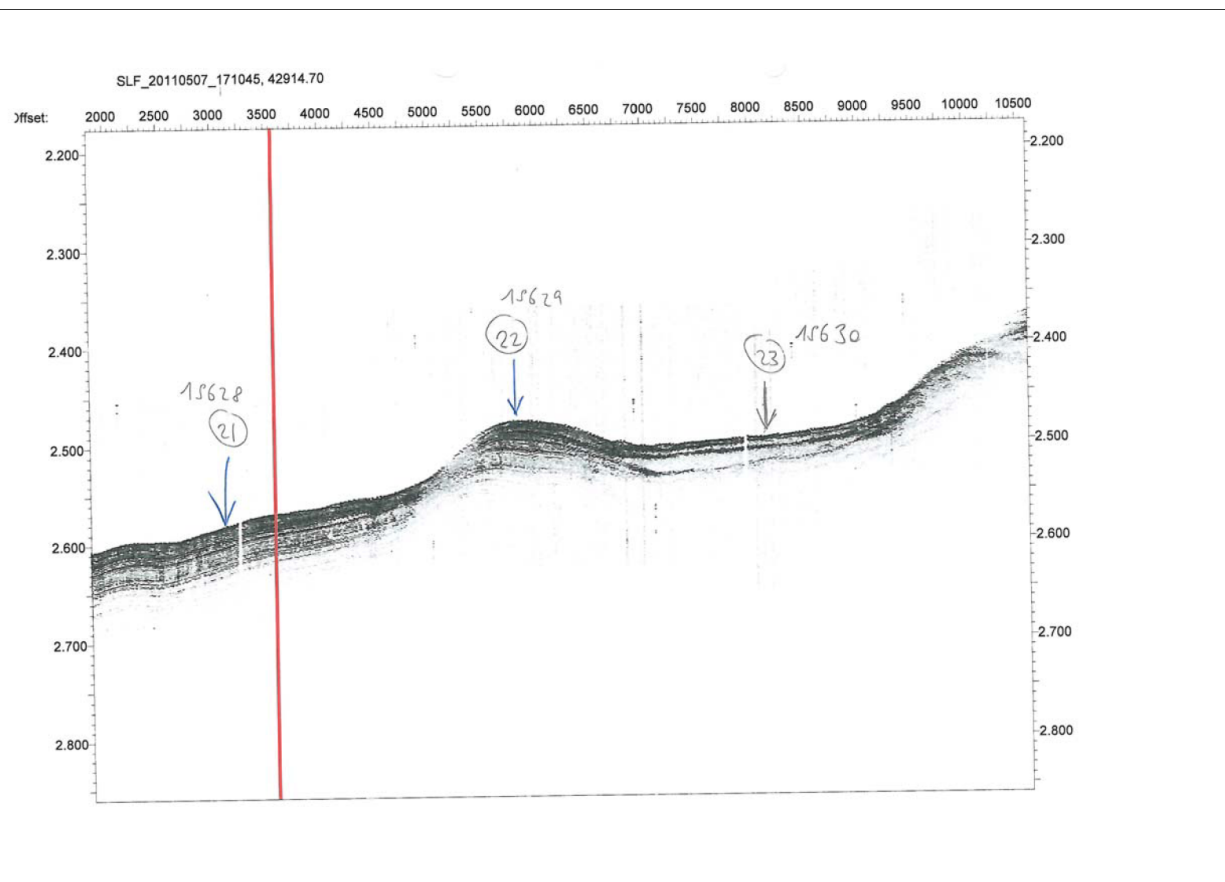
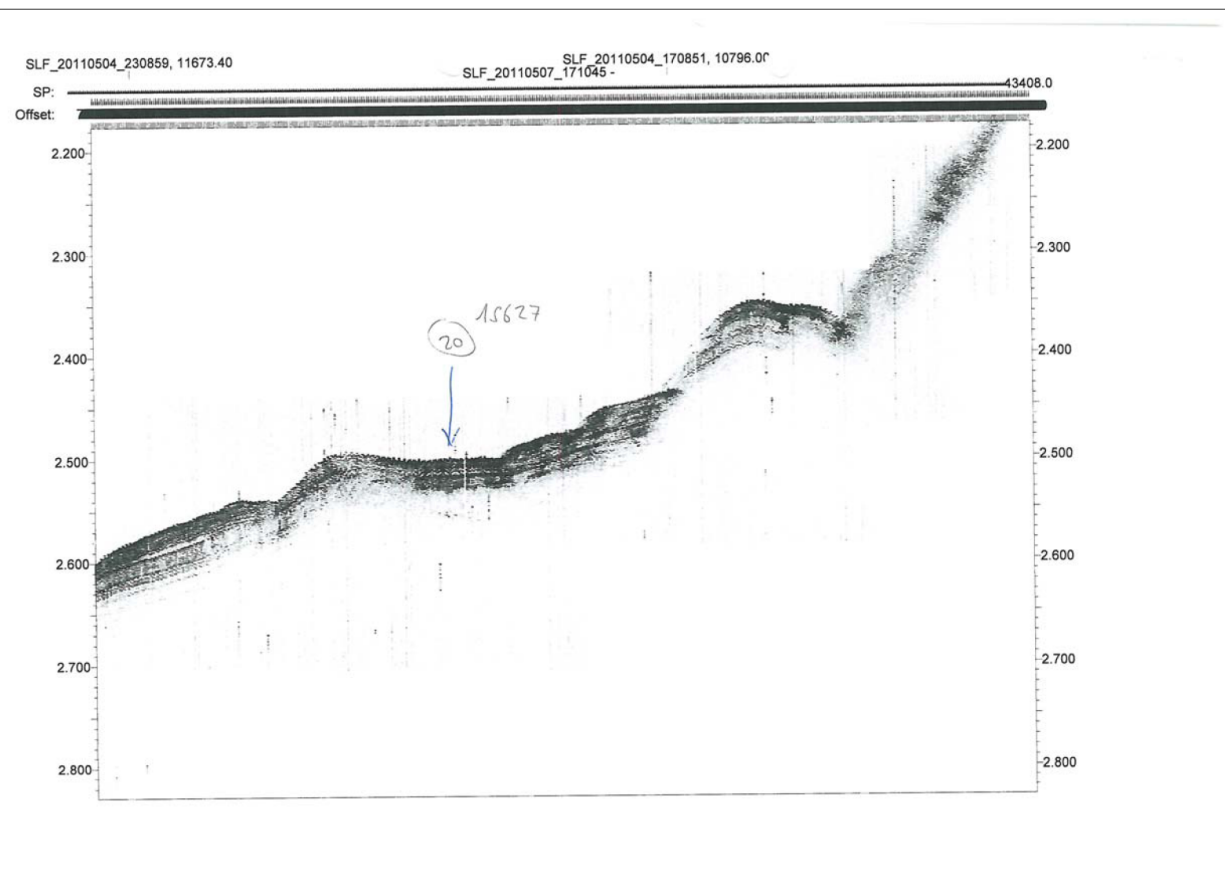


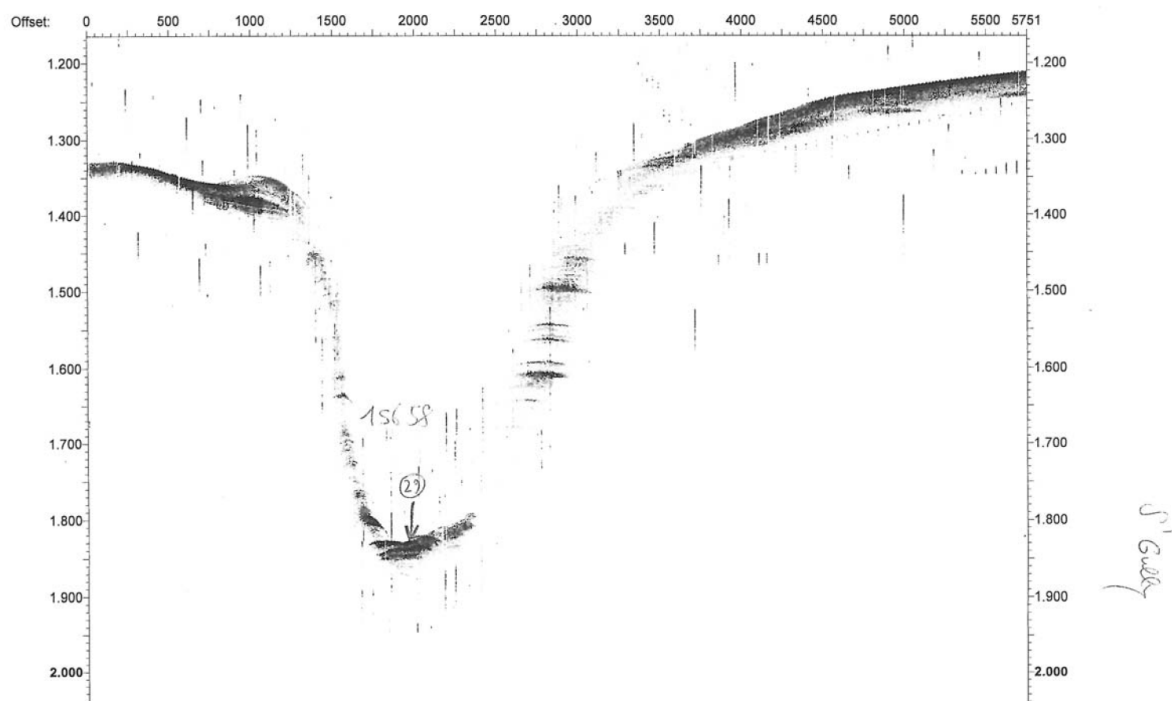
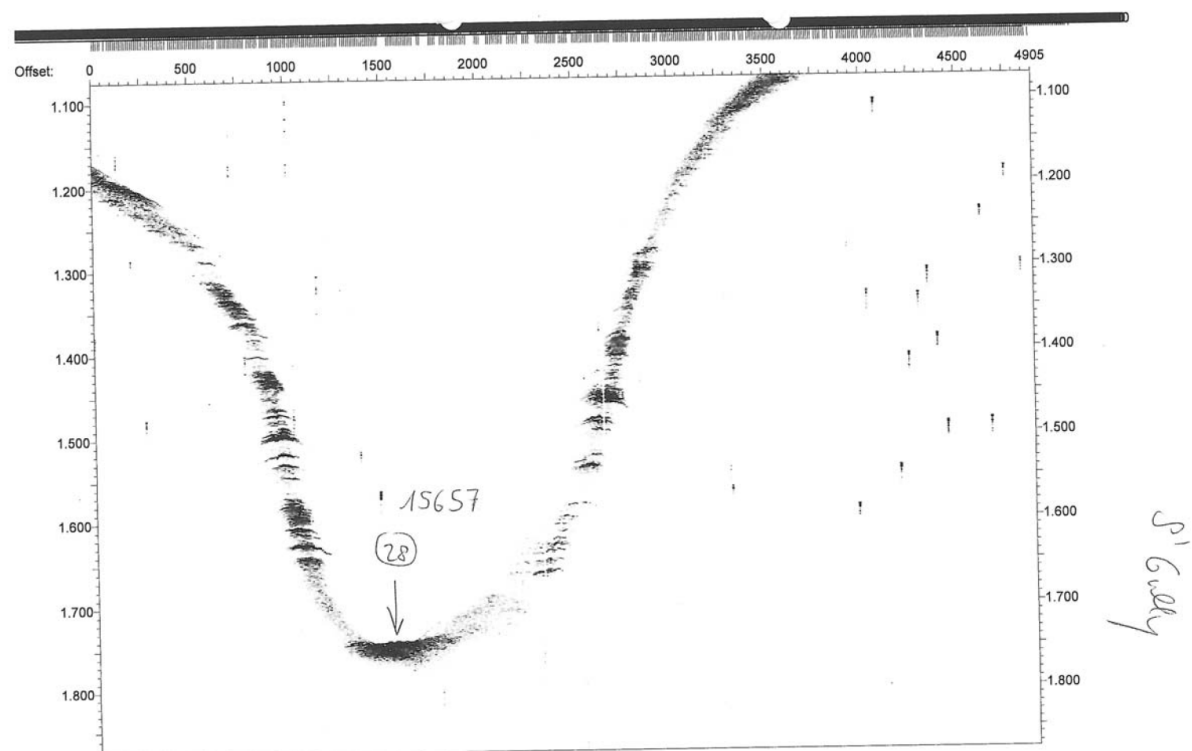


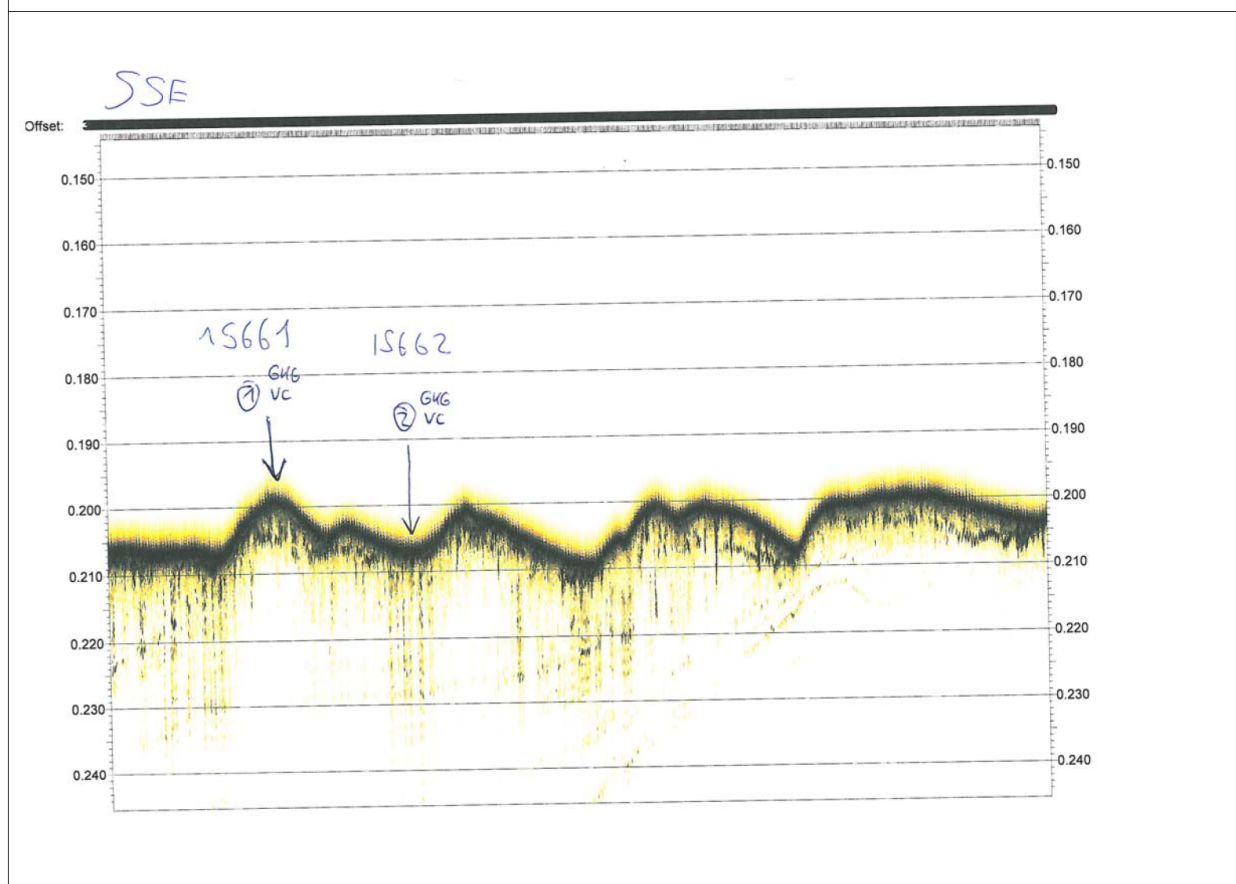
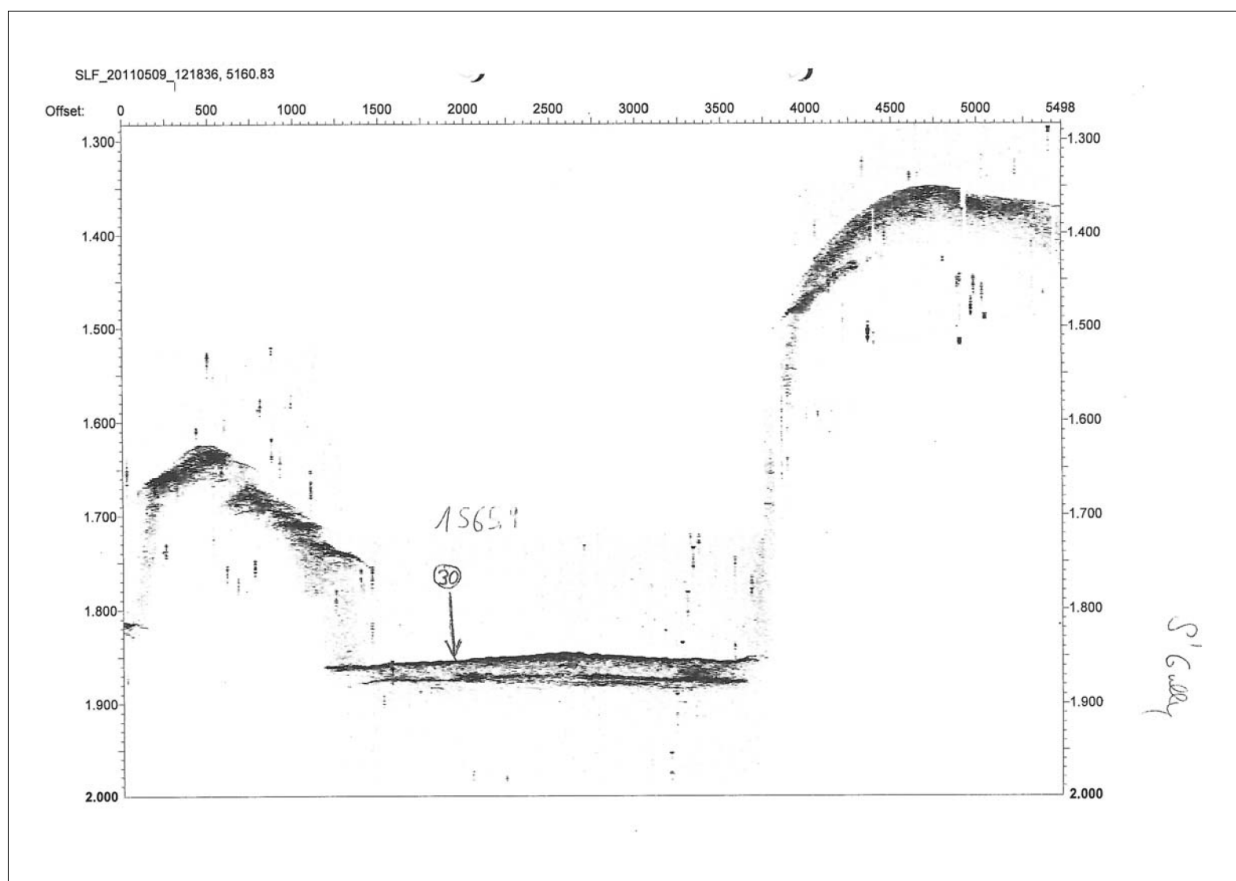


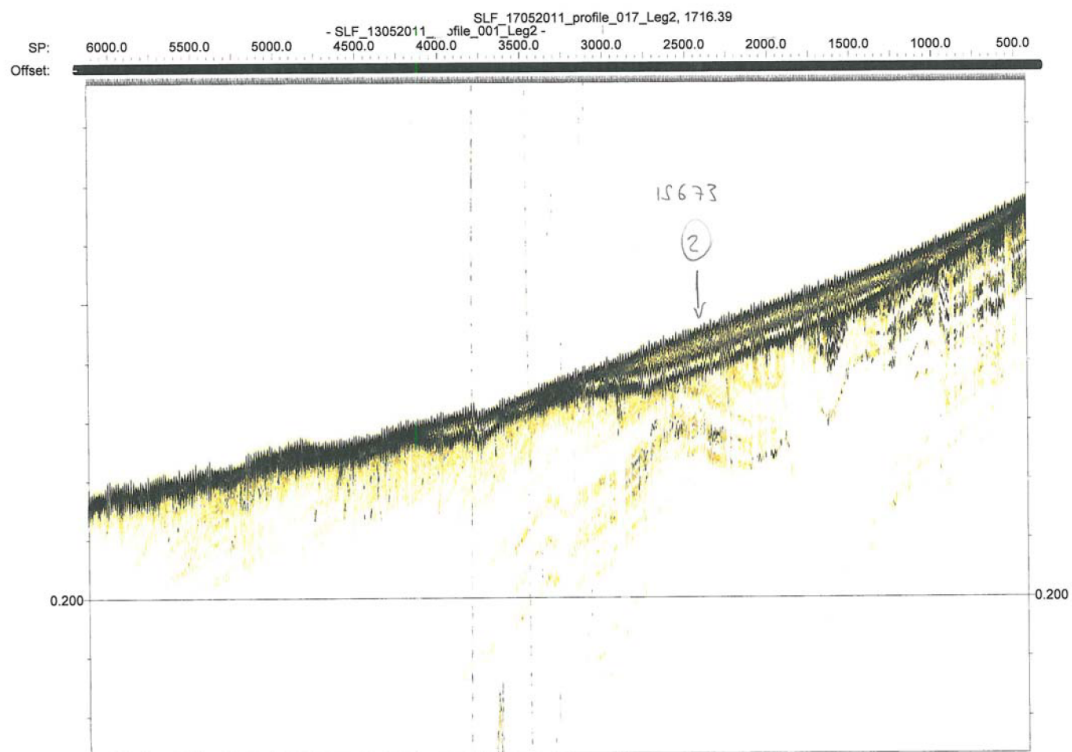
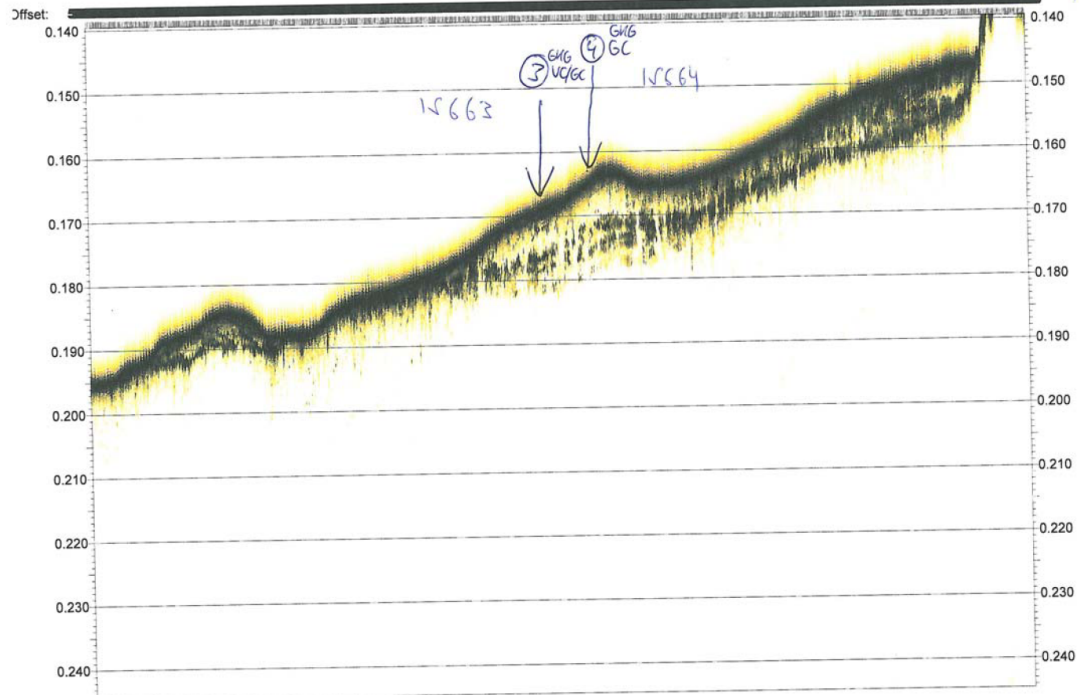


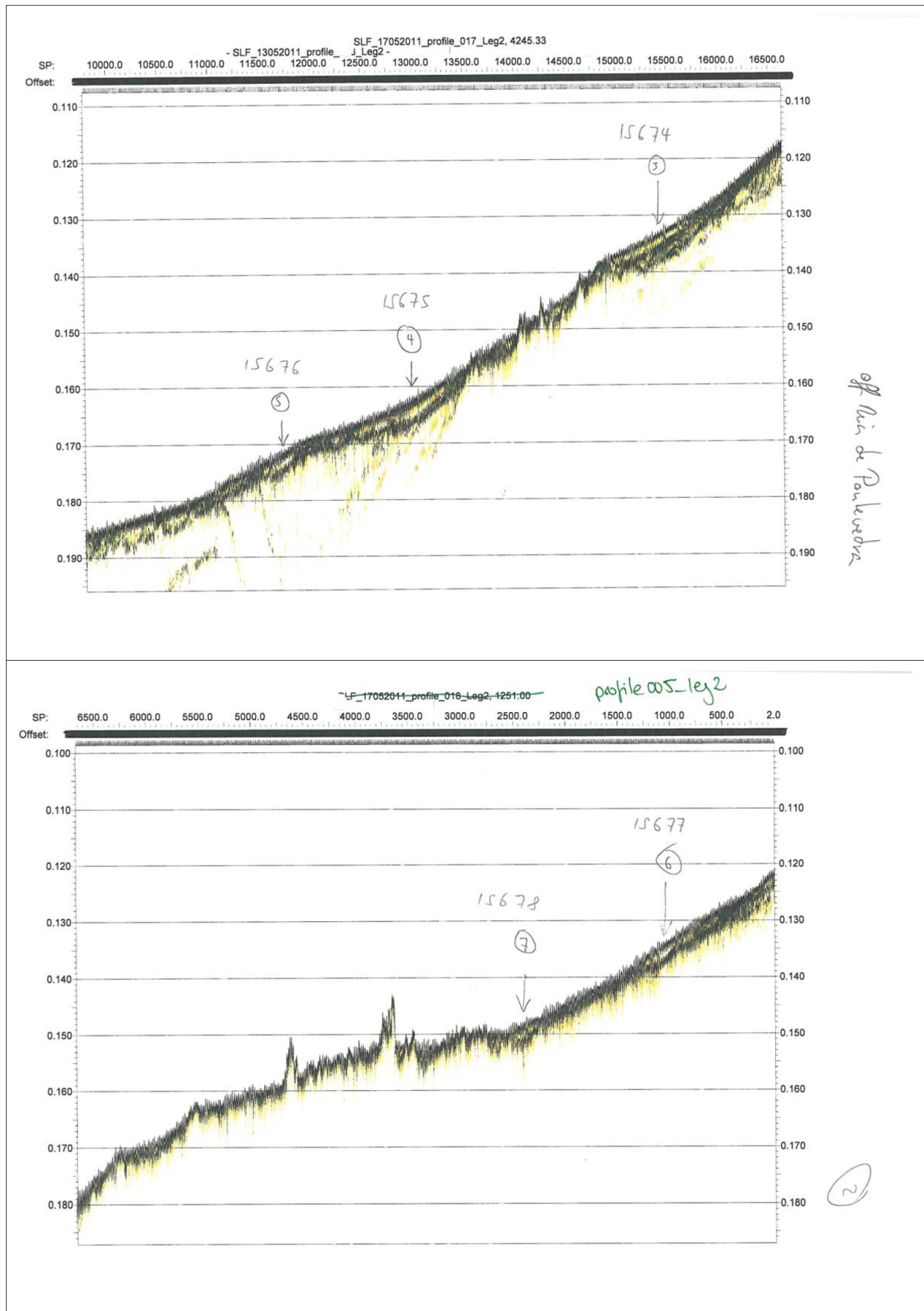


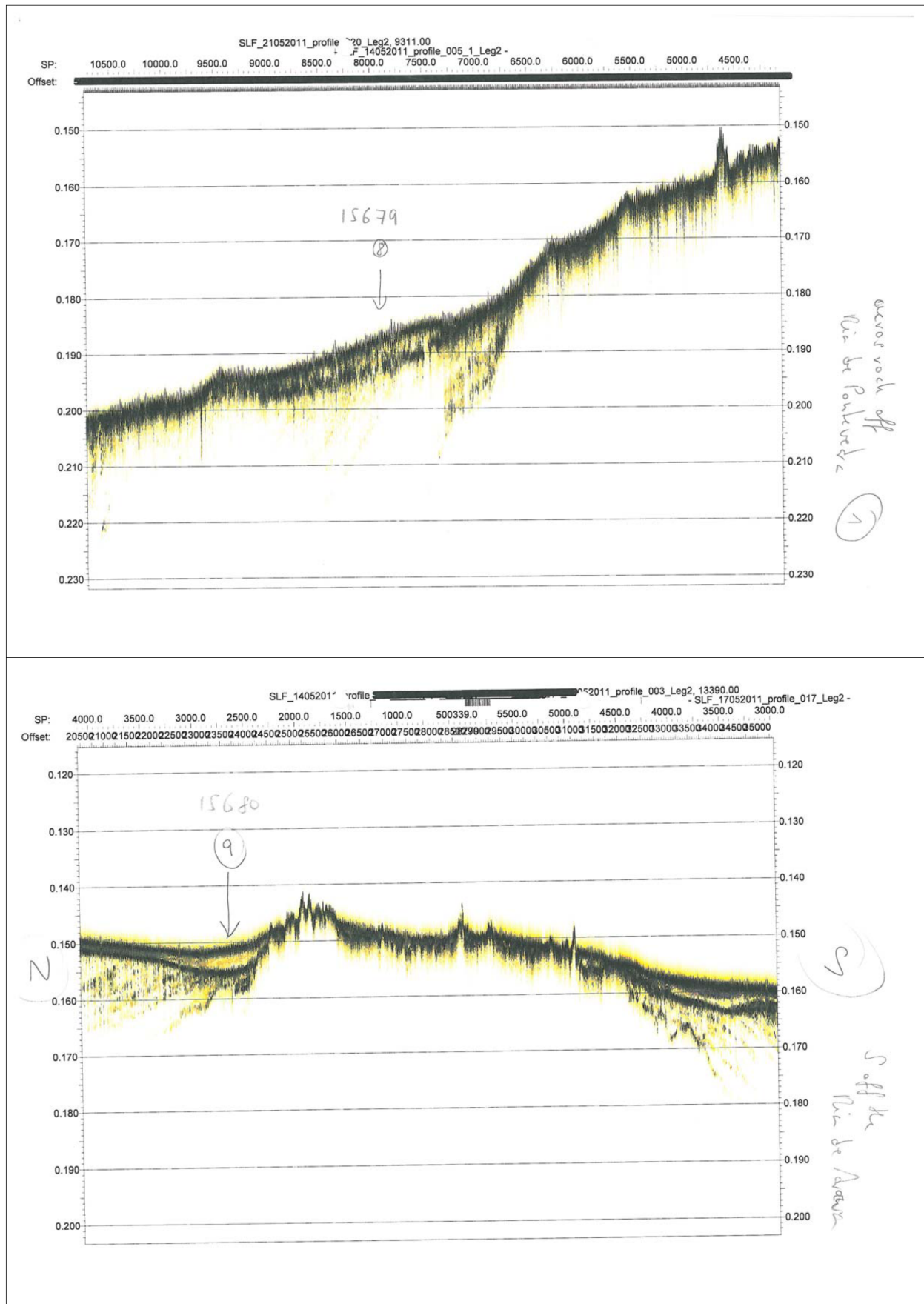


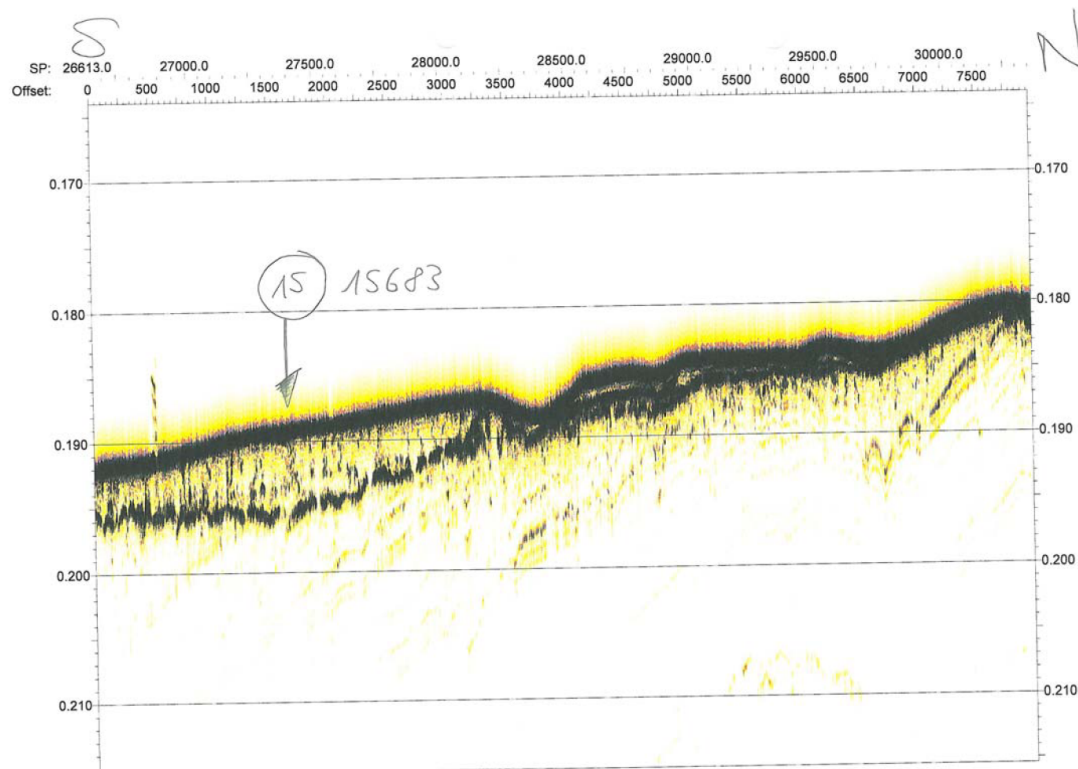
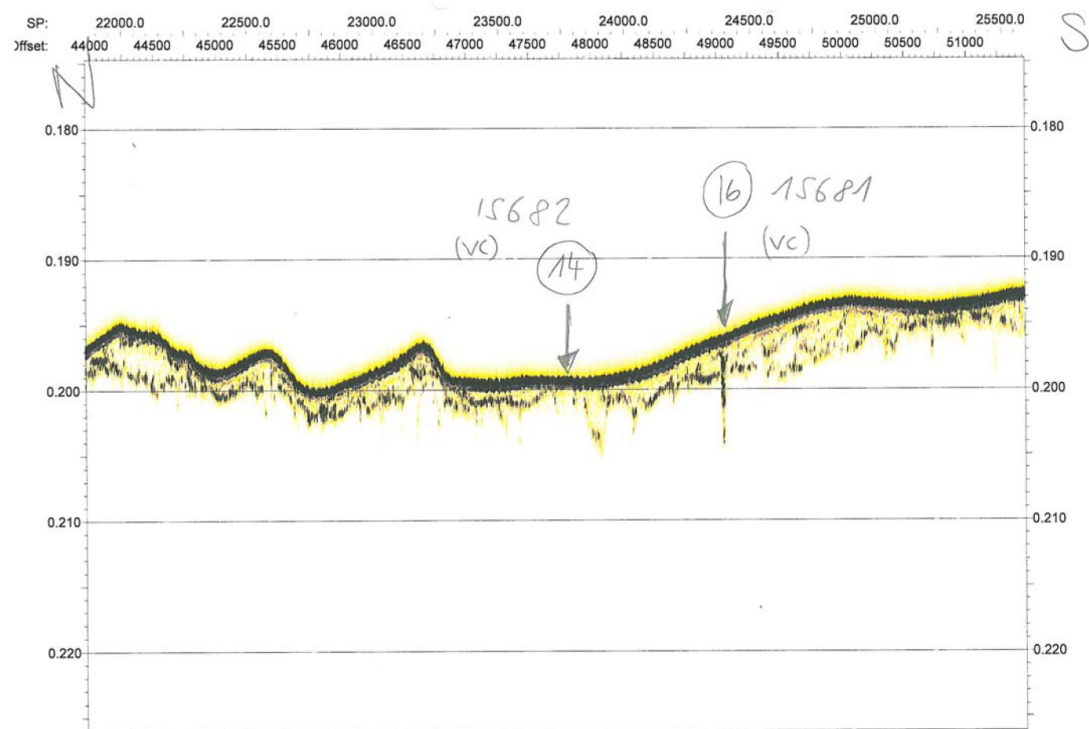




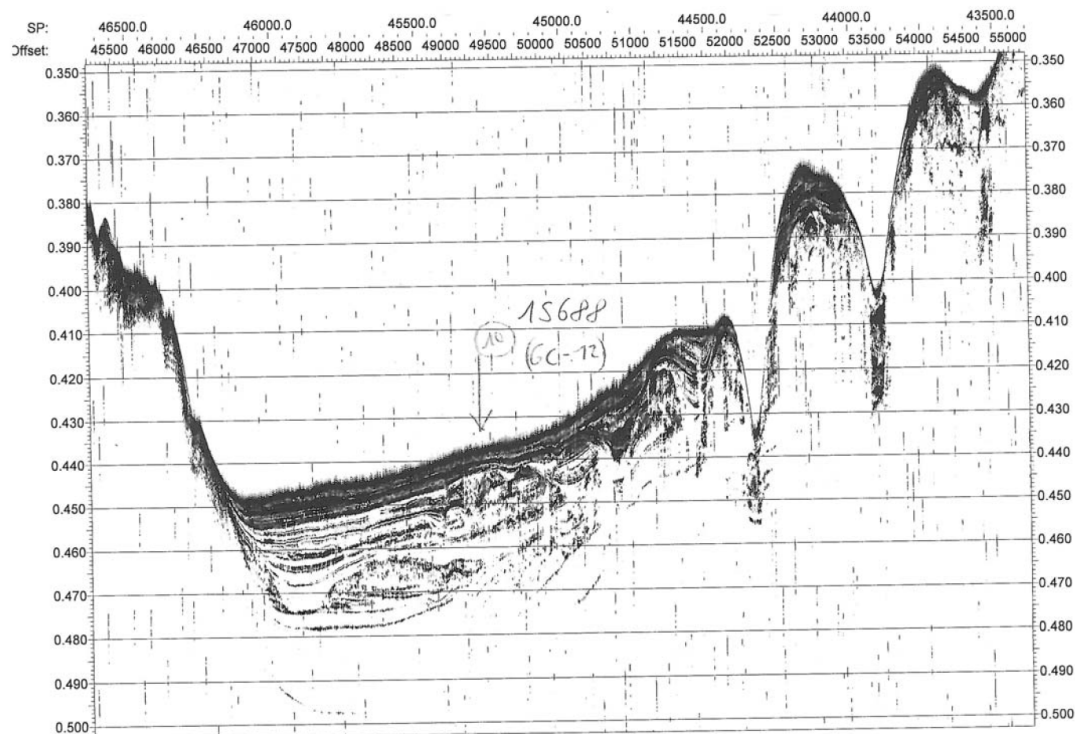
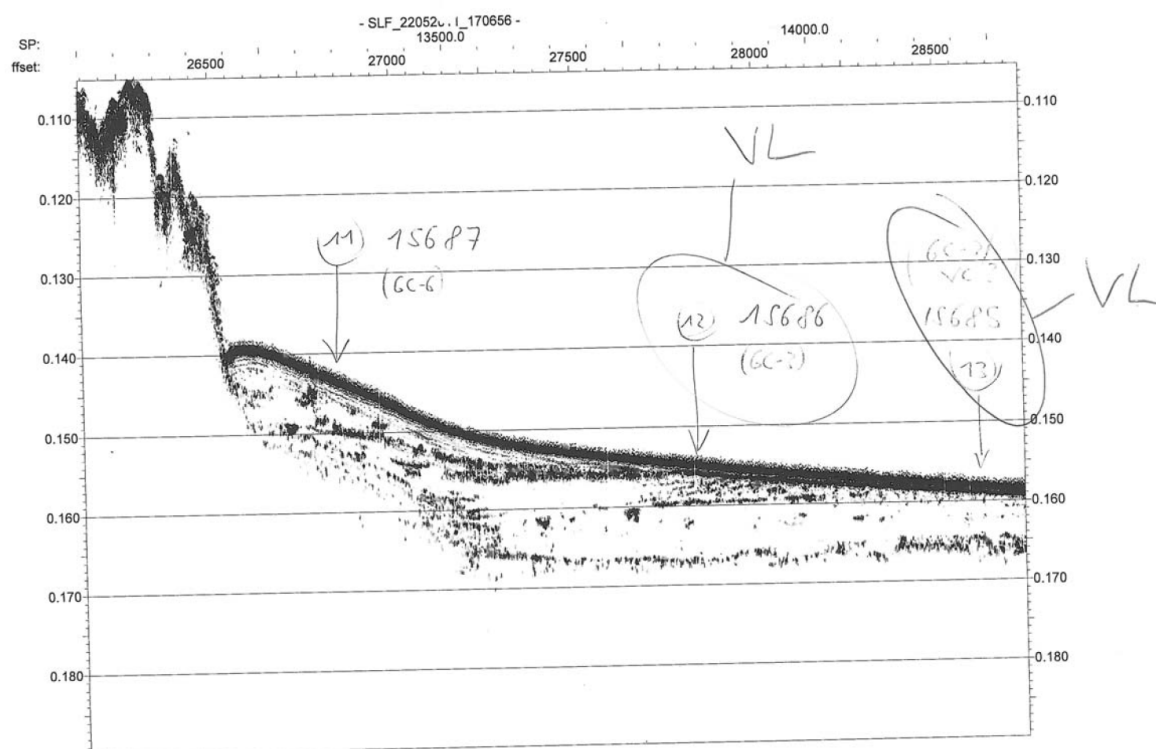


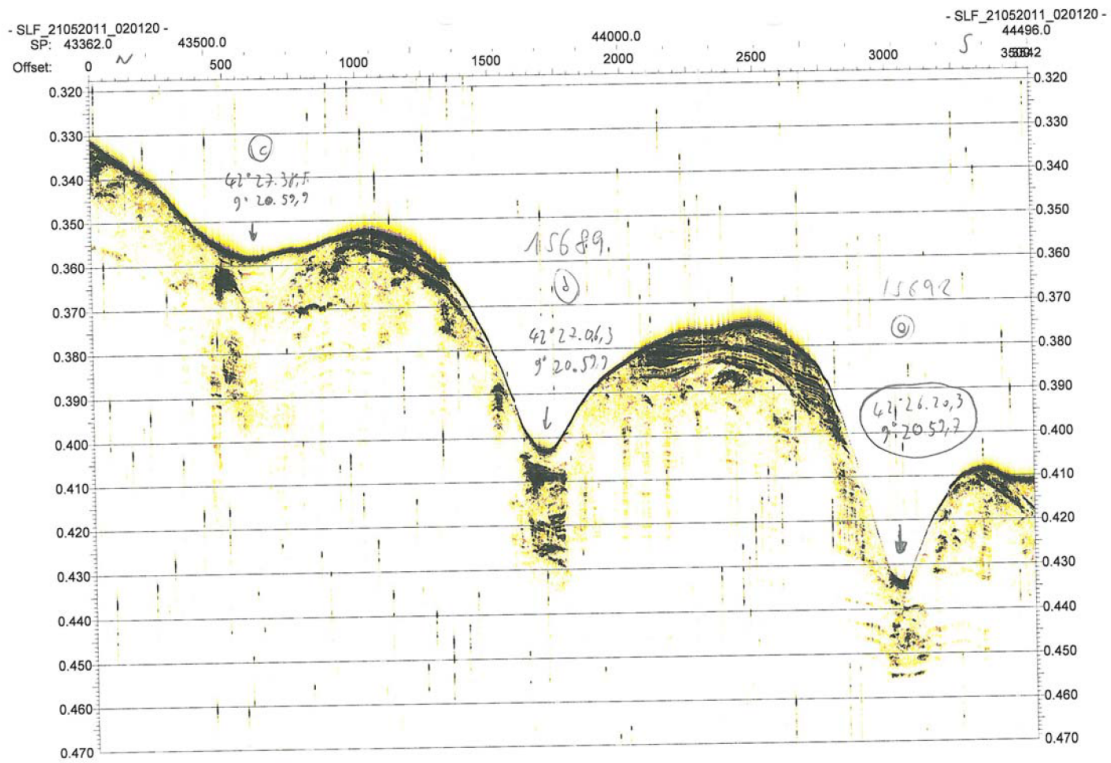
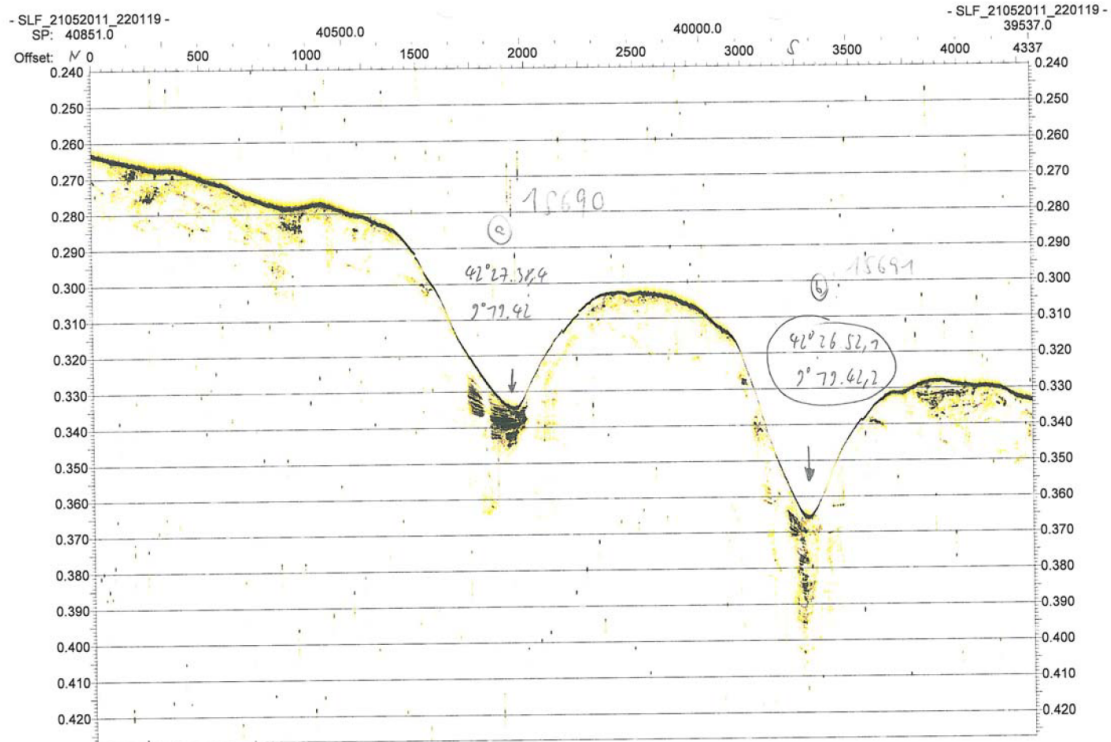


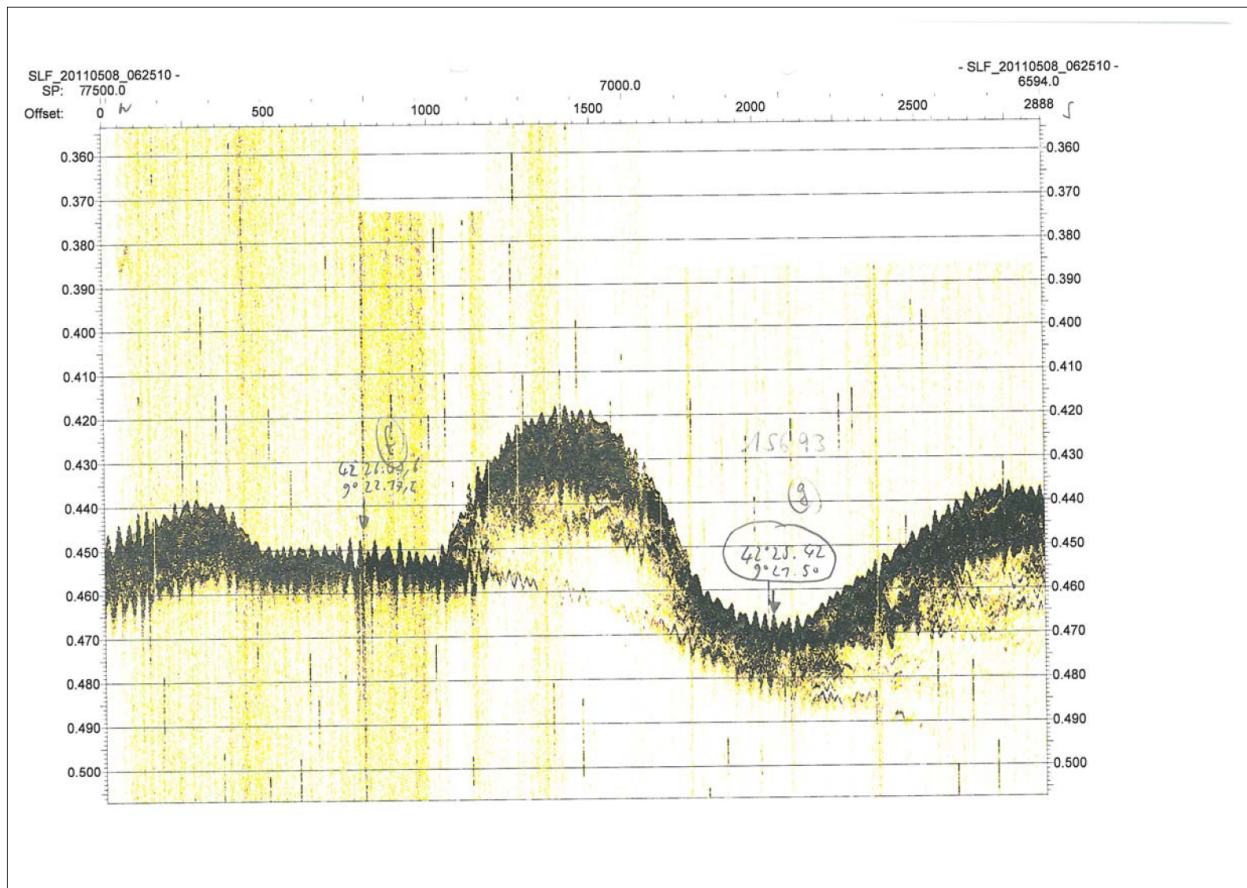












8 Data and Sample Storage and Availability

All sediment cores and samples are stored in the MARUM core repository. All data produced can be obtained from the respective research groups on request. Data sets which are part of publications will automatically be made publically available on www.pangaea.de.

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